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Ottawa Bluesfest goes Gaga

Lineup announced.

Capital city's ultimate music event will have something for everyone, with acts as varied as Snoop Dogg, Zedd and Dr. Hook



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Ottawa Bluesfest no longer has its "poker face" on after revealing its festival lineup Wednesday.

Organizers of Ottawa's premiere music event plan to announce Wednesday Lady Gaga, Queens of the Stone Age, Snoop Dogg and The Killers are among headliners at this year's fest.

But there is also a strong contingent of "throwback" bands that will grace the five stages spread out across LeBreton Flats Park this summer, newly reunited groups that will help the festival celebrate its 20th anniversary beginning July 3.

Ottawa Bluesfest executive director Mark Monahan

said bands like Journey, Foreigner, Third Eye Blind, Collective Soul and Blondie are all invited to the birthday bash.

"We definitely wanted to bring in some classic rock bands for this year because it was the 20th," Monahan told Metro.

"We went out and tried to spread those throughout the event and tried to bring in acts that we haven't had before."

And although blues bands don't dominate the bill, Monahan says fans will have a good crop of acts to check out at this year's festival, with the likes of Gary Clark Jr., Joe Louis Walker and Little Freddie King ready to rip up the scale.

He says while the festival is still committed to having a strong blues presence, the appetite for the genre has decreased.



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"These are fantastic bands, they aren't going to make huge headlines," he said.

It's part of Bluesfest's constant mission to cater the festival to everyone in the city.

There's a strong lineup of "niche" electronic dance music DJs including Montreal's Adventure Club, Halifax-based DJ/producer Ryan Hemsworth and German superstar DJ Zedd. There's also lots of hip hop, pop and country.

"If you are any kind of a music fan, there is going to be something to go and check out," added Monahan.

Director's cut

Monahan's top picks

- Gary Clark Jr.
- Vintage Trouble
- Drive By Truckers
- Journey
- Foreigner
- July Talk
- Phantogram

"We have got Snoop Dogg, but for a different crowd, we are going to do The Mavericks, Dr. Hook and AWOLNATION."

This year's fest will also feature a new stage called the Entry Point, which will treat festival-goers to local live music while they wait in line for tickets.

Other acts include Tegan and Sara, Cypress Hill, Violent Femmes, Deltron 3030, Lady Antebellum and many more. For the full festival lineup, visit ottawabluesfest.ca.



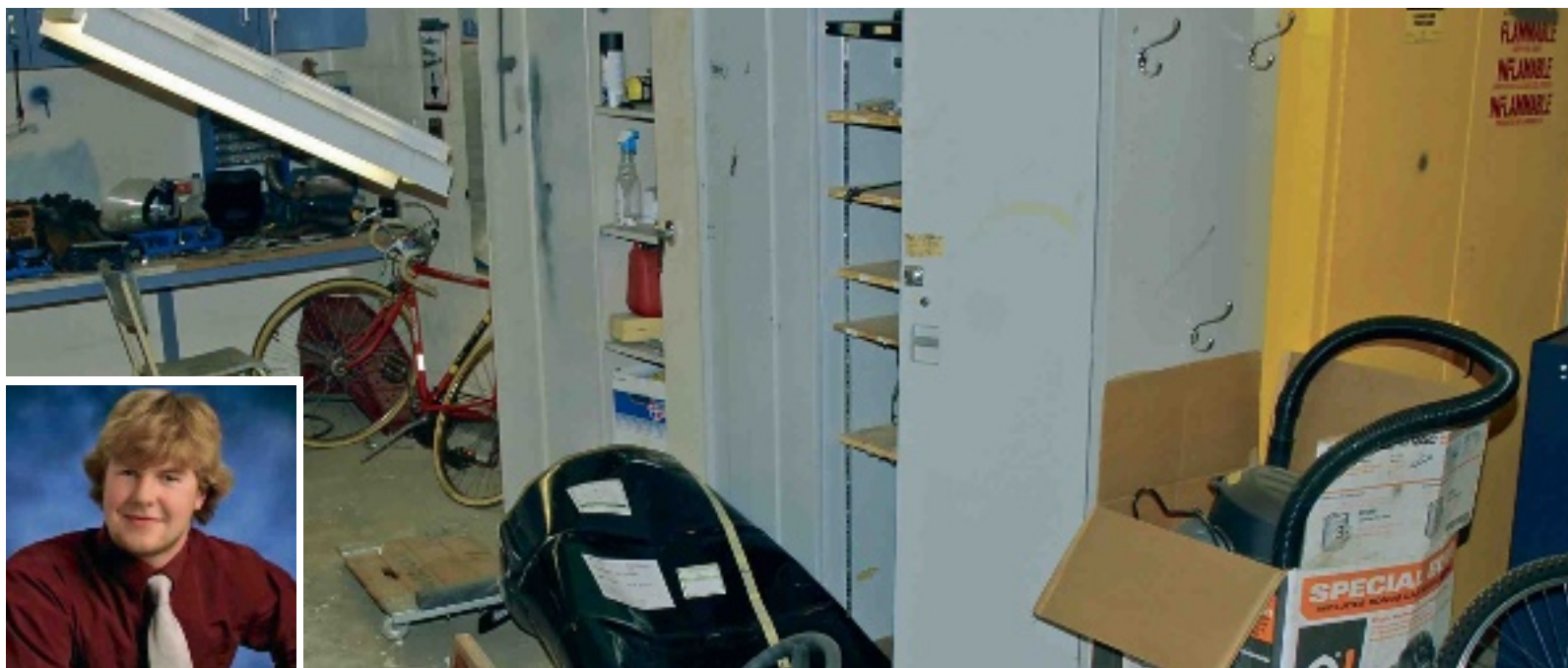
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A crumpled oil drum is seen in the ruined interior of a shop class at Mother Teresa High School in a photo entered into evidence at a coroner's inquest into the 2011 explosion death of high school student Eric Leighton, shown in the inset photo. POLICE HANDOUT

Two accounts of fatal explosion don't line up

Eric Leighton. 'I'm just very sorry it happened this way,' teacher said at inquest

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Two sides to the tragic story of Eric Leighton's death emerged from the coroner's inquest Tuesday, but they don't quite add up.

Scott Day was teaching the tech class in 2011 at Mother Teresa High School when an oil

drum Leighton was converting into a barbecue exploded.

Day, who has not taught since, said the fateful barbecue project was an attempt to keep students interested. The first one they made was a success.

"They were proud of it," recalled Day.

He got 11 more oil drums that had been used for edible oil because they would be used in proximity to food.

"Safety was my number one priority."

Earlier in the day Ministry of Labour engineer Robert Molinas testified the explosion could have occurred because of the flammable degreaser Kleen-

Flo, which was used to wash the drum.

"(The students) had to report to me what they would do, step by step along the way," said Day, referring to the process. "It was my understanding we were going to have a meeting before we cut the barrel to discuss options, perhaps using a hacksaw."

Adam Soliman, now a student at Algonquin College, was Leighton's project partner.

"We got everything we needed," he explained. "Grinding wheel, cutting blade, goggles and gloves ... We put up a tinted plastic screen."

Soliman said he thought

Day knew they were cutting the drum with a grinder.

"We weren't allowed to do anything unless he said so, so I assume he did."

Asked if he had heard Day give permission or Leighton ask Day if it was OK, he said he didn't remember.

He described how Leighton began using the grinder.

"I stepped back because of the sparks. I heard buckling, metal buckling and I turned around."

"It just exploded after that. My ears were ringing and it was blurry and dusty."

Day testified that when he heard the explosion he was

moving a car for students to work on.

"There was a very loud explosion," he said.

"The log for that day flashed through my head to see if something could have caused that explosion."

Day described running into the tool room where he found Eric on the ground unconscious and the grinder plugged in and still running.

There was a heavy silence in the court while Day, struggling to collect himself, asked if he had anything to add.

"I'm just very sorry it happened, and that it happened this way."

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NDP campaign launch. Former school trustee eyes Ottawa Centre seat

Jennifer McKenzie said she has knocked on more than 15,000 doors since she was nominated almost a year ago to run for the provincial NDP for Ottawa Centre.

And that's before her campaign launch on Wednesday.

With talk of a possible spring election, the school board trustee is ramping up what she calls "very traditional" campaign tactics.

"I think there's a lot of politically-motivated decision-making that's going on at Queen's Park and I think we need decisions that are in the best interests of the people of Ontario," said the 51-year-old, who cites poverty, social justice and fair property taxes as her election priorities.

An engineer by trade, she worked more than 20 years in Ottawa's high-tech industry before she became a stay-at-home mom to her three kids. Through them, she became involved in the Ottawa Carleton District School Board and was elected as a school trustee for the Kitchissippi and Somerset wards seven



Jennifer McKenzie is launching her campaign to be Ottawa Centre MPP on Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

years ago.

She said she was motivated to run following what she calls the "harmful" decisions made at Queen's Park concerning education, including the controversial Bill 115, which imposed contract terms on teachers.

Liberal MPP Yasir Naqvi has held the Ottawa Centre seat since he was first elected in 2007.

McKenzie's provincial campaign launch will be March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Atomic Rooster, at 303 Bank St.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

'Highly contagious'

Ottawa confirms 4th measles case

Two more cases of measles have been confirmed by Ottawa Public Health after an un-immunized child and an immunized adult contracted the disease from a previous case.

It's the city's fourth confirmed case of measles since March 5.

The public health agency says the small spread of the disease is expected as measles is "a highly conta-

gious respiratory disease where virtually all those who are not immune and come into contact with the virus will become infected."

The first case came from an un-immunized student who recently travelled to the Philippines.

Health officials are now warning people who may have visited infected locations across the city to contact their health-care provider if they are unsure about their immunization history. Go to metronews.ca for a full list of locations.

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Local singer declares war on alcoholism

Move Like A Soldier.

Some of the proceeds from song sales going to Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Album release

Kristina Maria's new album, featuring Move Like A Soldier, is set to be released in fall 2014.

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Ottawa singer Kristina Maria says she is using music to send out a positive message to her fans.

Her latest hit single, Move Like A Soldier, looks at the strength of love in overcoming drinking problems.

"I was watching a show about drinking and driving, and there were people getting hurt and dying, so when I walked into the studio I knew I wanted to do a song about it," says Maria.

The music video tells the story of a woman's boyfriend being in a dark place in his life and turning to drinking as she fights to break down the walls between them to bring him out of the dark.

"It's always about that one drink too much," says Maria, stating she is not embarrassed to call up her mom or friends if she needs a drive home after having had a few drinks.

Singing for a cause

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Ottawa singer Kristina Maria, on the inspiration for her new song, Move Like A Soldier.

Part of the proceeds from the song will be going to the organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Maria wanted to be a singer from a very young age and says it seemed like common sense because nothing else felt right.

"When I was four," she says, "I was watching the movie The Bodyguard and I turned to my mom and asked her to buy me the soundtrack — so there I was, this four-year-old bouncing around to Whitney Houston."

Maria's debut album, Tell the World, received a Juno nomination for Pop Album of the Year in 2012. Maria says that the success of the album is shared by her team of writers and producers, who she describes as being close, like a family.

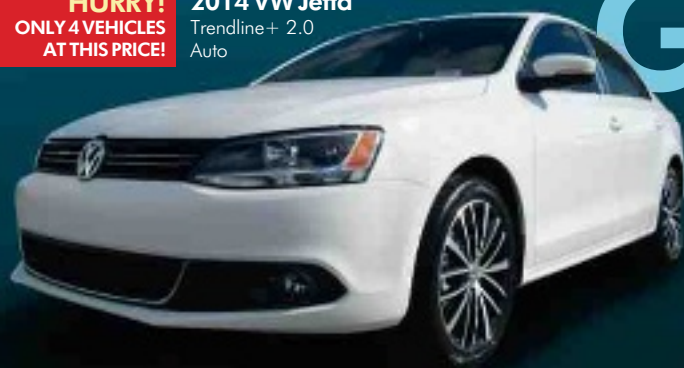
"It's such a good feeling, not only as a singer but as a writer, to get this positive feedback — it's like a pat on the back," says Maria.



Kristina Maria says her latest single Move Like A Soldier is about the fight many people face in battling alcoholism. CONTRIBUTED

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More pleasing to the eye-phone

Cr8ive Skin. Ottawa startup company brightens boring smartphone covers



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A new Ottawa start-up company is giving a more artistic, handmade flair to boring smartphone and tablet cases.

Cr8ive Skin makes hand-painted and customized graphic print skins for phones, iPads and MacBook computers.

Five Ottawa artists are tasked with painting their art on the high-quality canvas skins.

Anybody who wants a more personalized cover can upload a photo online, which the company's graphic artist will print onto a skin.

Ahsan Hadi, the founder of Cr8ive Skin, said he want-



Ahsan Hadi is the founder of Cr8ive Skin, which makes personalized smartphone cases like the one he's holding. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

ed to personalize mobile devices, which are part of most people's everyday lives.

"We buy a painting and we post it on a wall and

that's it. We leave home and we never see it," said the 24-year-old University of Ottawa masters student.

Barely six months' old,

the start-up operates out of the living room of one of the company's four partners.

Hadi said he's hoping to grow beyond those walls

and employ artists from "low- and middle-income countries."

It's an idea he's been stewing on since he visited

Hand-painted skins

10

Cr8ive Skin has sold about 10 hand-painted skins and the partners are working with the University of Ottawa to produce 'a couple hundred' printed cases.

Zambia for a research project.

"All these local artists, with just beautiful, beautiful products," he said.

"I thought, what if we can create an opportunity for these individuals to have access to a bigger market?"

Hadi said he and his partners were "extremely ambitious" and initially wanted to launch internationally, but did not have the resources to do so.

The company is currently financed in-house. The cost of the equipment and materials does not fall on the painters.

Hadi said he also hopes to eventually sell the skins to cellphone companies.

Putin bans Canadian group from Russia

Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar is cancelling his vacation plans to St. Petersburg, Russia.

The NDP critic on Foreign Affairs was among 13 Canadian lawmakers, activists and politicians banned from the country, as Russian President Vladimir Putin retaliates against sanctions placed against his country for the hostile takeover of Crimea.

Dewar joked Tuesday morning that he now has to change his vacation plans.

"I had no plans to go, but I do want to say that it's important to stay engaged diplomatically," said Dewar. "I would have loved to have gone to speak in Russia and put forward our point of view, but, alas, I won't be able to do that."

Dewar was banned along with Commons speaker Andrew Scheer, Government House leader Peter Van Loan, Conservative MPs Ted Opietz, Dean Allison and James Bezan, Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, Liberal MPs Irwin Cotler and Chrystia Freeland, assistant secretary to the cabinet Christine Hogan, na-



Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar THE CANADIAN PRESS

tional president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Paul Grod, clerk of the privy council Wayne Wouters and deputy secretary to the cabinet Jean-François Tremblay.

Dewar thinks he was banned because he was vocal in speaking out against Russia's anti-gay laws leading up to the Sochi Olympics and has been just as loud in criticizing the "illegal annexation of Ukraine."

"If Putin wants to ban me from travelling to Russia because I am standing on

the side of supporting international law and for human rights, then so be it," he said. "I take it as a sign of being on the right side of history and doing the right thing."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird called the ban a "badge of honour" for the country.

"None of the people listed today is threatening the territorial integrity or sovereignty of the Russian federation," Baird said.

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Dozens missing, deaths set to climb in Wash. mudslide

The search. Some crews had to pull back because of concern over potential flash floods or another landslide

The death toll of 14 from a massive Washington state mudslide is expected to increase as crews continue to search through the soupy, debris-laden field and rainy conditions complicate matters for searchers on the ground and in the air.

"We're expecting that number to go up throughout the day," Snohomish County Fire District 21 Chief Travis Hots said Tuesday.

Dozens of people remain unaccounted for. Authorities are working off a list of 176 potentially missing people, though many of those names likely are duplicates and they think that number will de-

crease.

Snohomish County emergency management director John Pennington said officials expect to have an updated list later Tuesday.

The landslide Saturday destroyed a small community 55 miles northeast of Seattle, flattening about two dozen homes and critically injuring several people.

From the beginning, rescue crews on the ground have faced dangerous and unpredictable conditions as they navigated quicksand-like mud that was 15 feet deep in some places. Some who went in got caught up to their armpits in the thick, sticky sludge.

A scientist who documented the landslide conditions on the hillside that buckled had warned in a 1999 report filed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the "potential for a large catastrophic failure," The Seattle Times reported late Monday.

That report was written



Flowers are left on debris next to a demolished home where a woman's body was found following a deadly mudslide, Tuesday, in Arlington, Wash.

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by geomorphologist Daniel J. Miller and his wife, Lynne Rodgers Miller. "We've known it would happen at some point," Daniel Miller told the newspaper.

Snohomish county executive John Lovick and public works director Steve Thomsen said Monday night they were not aware of the 1999

report. "A slide of this magnitude is very difficult to predict," Thomsen told The Times. "There was no indication, no indication at all."

Pennington said officials would examine the report, but he said local authorities were vigilant about warning of potential landslide dangers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ethiopia

Being gay to become a 'non-pardonable' crime

Ethiopia's lawmakers are set to pass a bill that puts homosexuality on a list of offences considered "non-pardonable" under the country's amnesty law, a measure that continues a trend of anti-gay legislation across Africa.

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Security guidelines

35 countries take new nuclear security pledge

Thirty-five countries pledged Tuesday to turn international guidelines on nuclear security into national laws, a move aimed at preventing terrorists from getting their hands on nuclear material. Notably absent from the agreement were Russia, China, India and Pakistan.

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Missing plane

China demands satellite data

China demanded Tuesday that Malaysia turn over the satellite data used to conclude that a Malaysia Airlines jetliner had crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, killing all 239 on board. Officials have sharply narrowed the search area, but the zone remains as large as Texas and Oklahoma combined. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

White House

Obama to propose ending NSA's phone spying

The White House wants the National Security Agency to get out of the business of sweeping up and storing vast amounts of data on Americans' phone calls. The Obama administration is expected this week to propose that Congress overhaul the electronic surveillance program.

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Devilishly Good!

Birds of a feather say no to Winnipeg's weather

No spring ahead, fall back! About 200 geese that made their annual return north decided it was too cold and flew back the way they came



SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

It's so cold in Winnipeg this spring even the geese are turning their feathers to our weather.

Ken Cudmore, of the FortWhyte Alive park and recreation facility, told Metro Tuesday a group of 200 or so Canada geese that had made their annual return to the centre last week took to the air and headed back the way they came just days after landing.

"I've been doing this for 30 years and I don't remember ever seeing anything like it," said Cudmore, FortWhyte's site and wildlife manager. "I couldn't imagine they went north, so I'm assuming they went back south."

Cudmore said geese normally follow the disappearing snowline on their annual migration north, and he thinks the few nice days we saw last week and a strong south wind might have tricked the birds into thinking it was nicer up this way than it turned out to be once they got here.

With temperatures dropping 10 and sometimes even closer to 20 degrees below the temperatures we can normally expect for this time of year, Cudmore said he doesn't blame the iconic birds one bit.

"Not at all," he laughed. "I'm thinking of joining them."



Ken Cudmore, site and wildlife manager of Winnipeg's FortWhyte Alive centre, says a group of 200 or so Canada geese that landed there last week have since headed back south because of the cold weather. CONTRIBUTED

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Privacy. Device with data on 583,000 student loans left unsecured: Report

A portable hard drive containing personal information on more than half a million people who took out student loans was left unsecured for extended periods and lacked password protection and encryption, says the federal privacy czar.

Employees handling the device were not aware of the sensitivity of the information it contained, concludes the report from interim privacy commissioner Chantal Bernier.

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada acknowledged last year the drive held data on 583,000 Canada Student Loans Program borrowers from 2000 to 2006.

The missing files included student names, social insurance numbers, dates of birth, contact information and loan balances, as well as the personal contact information of 250 department employees.

Bernier's report, tabled in Parliament, says a gap between policies and practices at the department — now known as Employment and Social Development Canada — led to weaknesses in

Human error or ill intent?

2 months

The privacy commissioner's office opened its investigation in January of last year after the department reported that the hard drive had been missing for two months. Officials did not know whether it was a case of human error or ill intent.

information management, physical security controls and employee awareness.

The commissioner found that department employees violated sections of the federal Privacy Act related to the use, disposal and disclosure of personal information.

Information security cannot be assured by having policies on paper — they must be put into practice every day, Bernier said.

The department has begun implementing her recommendations, she added. "We hope this investigation will prompt other federal departments and private-sector organizations to review their own privacy policies and practices."

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Quebec

Lac-Mégantic probe officially wrapped up

Quebec provincial police are confirming they have completed their investigation into the deadly train disaster in Lac-Mégantic.

The crash and explosion killed 47 and destroyed a large swath of the downtown area last summer.

Police spokeswoman Aurelie Guindon says the investigation was officially wrapped up on Saturday and the case is now in the hands of the province's director of criminal and penal prosecutions.

Neither the Crown nor police would discuss the results of the probe.

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Study

Most lost phones returned — after some snooping

The odds of having a lost cellphone returned are just a little better than 50/50, while the chances of it being probed by its finder are close to 100 per cent, according to the results of an experiment conducted in six Canadian cities.

Security software company Symantec dropped phones to see how persistent people would be in poking around a found phone — the answer was very: 93 per cent of the phones were accessed in some way by people who found them.

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Political pages

Justin Trudeau publishing an autobiography

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau has announced he will publish a personal memoir.

In a press release, publisher HarperCollins Canada says the "candid" autobiography will cover the 42-year-old's childhood to his university days and political career, and will boast "anecdotes, personal reflections and never-before-seen photographs."

The memoir is set to be released this fall, and proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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Harper 'surprised' by Nadon verdict, but will respect decision

Supreme Court seat. Nadon says he's not sure if he's required to repay salary earned since appointment was announced in October

The Conservative government intends to respect the Supreme Court's decision to deny Marc Nadon the chance to occupy the vacant Quebec seat on the high court bench, says Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

But the government is still reviewing the decision about Nadon's eligibility, which Harper admitted Tuesday left him "very surprised."

"What I can tell you is this: we're obviously going to respect the decision," Harper told a news conference follow-



Marc Nadon THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

ing the conclusion of the two-day Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague.

The Supreme Court concluded that Nadon, a semi-retired Federal Court of Ap-

peal judge, does not meet the specific eligibility requirements for a Quebec seat on the bench as spelled out in the Supreme Court Act.

The high court also says the government needs a constitutional amendment to change the criteria for judges on the top court.

The government expected the Supreme Court to find in its favour, because the possibility of a rejection had been characterized by the experts it consulted as "very hypothetical."

Nadon himself spoke up Tuesday, telling Global News in an interview that he was prepared for the court to rule either way.

"I've been living in limbo, you know, since October, so at least this has certainly ended the uncertainty," Nadon said.

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Pistorius expected to testify

Oscar Pistorius and his aunt, Lois, hug after the prosecution closed its case in court in Pretoria, South Africa, Tuesday. Pistorius, who is charged with the 2013 shooting death of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, is expected to testify at the end of the week. In a rare public comment, he said he's going through "a tough time." SIPHIWE SIBEKO, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allegations

Israeli minister facing sex scandal

Police on Tuesday questioned Silvan Shalom, a senior Israeli government minister and presumptive presidential candidate over allegations he committed a sex offence against a former aide 15 years ago — a charge that may not hold up in court but that could derail any hopes for the presidency.

The former aide alleged she was coerced to perform a sex act on Shalom.

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Animal Planet's Wild Recon

Ex-host sentenced for trying to sell endangered lizards

The former host of Animal Planet's Wild Recon, Donald Schultz, has been sentenced to two years' probation and 200 hours of community service after admitting to trying to sell two endangered lizards without a permit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Egyptian court holds new mass trial of Islamists

Troublesome. The trials have raised deep concerns among human rights activists

After a single session with no defence lawyers present, an Egyptian judge said Tuesday he will issue verdicts next month in a new mass trial of 683 suspected Islamists on charges of murder and attempted murder, a day after he sentenced hundreds to death in a similar trial that raised a storm of international criticism.

The mass trials have raised deep concerns among human rights activists over the lack of due process as Egyptian authorities push

'Defies logic'

- The U.S. State Department said it "defies logic" that so many defendants could have gotten a fair trial in two sessions.
- German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier called the verdicts "very alarming" and said "further mass trials must be suspended."

swift and heavy prosecutions in their crackdown against Islamists and the Muslim Brotherhood.

Some 16,000 have been

arrested in the crackdown since the military's ouster of President Mohammed Morsi last summer.

Defence lawyers boycotted the trial that began Tuesday in the court in the city of Minya, south of Cairo, to protest the verdicts issued the day before in a separate trial.

Despite the lawyer boycott, presiding judge Said Youssef went ahead with the session, hearing testimony, in what the lawyers called a violation of the law.

After the 5-hour hearing, the judge announced that he would issue verdicts in the case at the next session, set for April 28, according to judicial and security officials who attended the sessions.

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Ukrainian marines wave goodbye to Crimea

Ukrainian marines leaving their base wave from a bus in Feodosia, Crimea, Tuesday. Ukrainian soldiers piled onto buses and began their journey to Ukrainian territory on Tuesday, as former comrades saluted them from outside a base overrun by Russian forces. Their departure came as Ukraine's defence minister stepped down Tuesday after facing harsh criticism for the often-hesitant reaction to Russia's annexation of Crimea, which was formalized following a hastily organized referendum this month. VALERIY KULYK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Challenging case

U.S. Supreme Court tackles religious rights of companies

The U.S. Supreme Court struggled Tuesday with the question of whether companies have religious rights, a case challenging President Barack

Obama's health overhaul and its guarantee of birth control in employees' preventive care plans.

Peppering attorneys with questions in a 90-minute argument, the justices weighed the rights of for-profit companies against the rights of female employees. The discussion ranged to abortion, too,

and even whether a female worker could be forced to wear an all-covering burka.

The outcome could turn on the views of Justice Anthony Kennedy, often the decisive vote, as his eight colleagues appeared otherwise to divide along liberal and conservative lines.

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Pilot ignored co-pilot's warning, report into Arctic crash reveals

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Crash at Resolute in August 2011 killed 8 passengers, 4 crew — three passengers miraculously survived

It took just 2-1/2 minutes for a combination of human and technical mistakes to turn a passenger and supply flight into a remote Arctic community from routine to calamitous.

A Transportation Safety Board report into the crash of First Air Flight 6550 blames an undetected autopilot change, a faulty compass reading and disagreement between the pilots about whether to abort the landing.

In cool, technical language the board's report provides a second-by-second breakdown



Transportation Safety Board lead investigator Brian MacDonald talks about the findings of a report into the First Air plane, which crashed in Resolute in 2011, at a news conference Tuesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of what probably happened in the cockpit as the pilots crashed the Boeing 737 into a

hillside more than a kilometre from the runway.

Problems began because

on-board compasses were incorrectly adjusted by 17 degrees. That error was com-

pounded when the captain turned into the final approach and unwittingly changed the operational mode of the plane's autopilot. Busy with the landing checklist, in weather obscured by cloud, mist and light rain, neither he nor the co-pilot picked up the change.

Within seconds after that final turn, the co-pilot realized the plane was off course and repeatedly told the pilot, reminding him about the large hill to the right of the runway. The pilot replied that the autopilot was working fine.

Five seconds later, the co-pilot suggested they pull up and go around for another approach. The pilot, fully focused on landing the plane and on figuring out why his instruments were giving confusing readings, refused.

The plane smashed into the hill and broke into three main pieces. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Lawsuits

Several lawsuits filed over the disaster cast partial blame on the Canadian Forces, which had taken control over the airport on the day of the crash.

- The transportation board said the military's presence was not a contributing factor in the crash.
- The military had set up a temporary air traffic control tower to guide in all planes. The airport was normally an uncontrolled airspace and pilots navigated themselves onto the runway.
- The suits claim the military did not have enough people on duty to handle the air traffic.



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Students holding out hope

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Despite inadequate funding, limited access to technology and outdated learning materials, some students attending school on First Nations reserves are hopeful about their future.

One of them is Grade 9 student Payton Daniels. Sitting in the library of the Sturgeon Lake Central School on Saskatchewan's Sturgeon Lake First Nation, the 15-year-old fiddles with her hands as she talks about her future goals.

"I want to go to university and become a veterinarian," she says. "I think I can do that with the education here."

With Prince Albert only about 40 minutes away, a number of students have been leaving Sturgeon Lake for opportunities in the city. But that option doesn't interest her.

"Here, I can actually learn about ... my native culture," Daniels says. "Our generation, we lost a lot of our culture.... I really want to get my culture back, and I've started beading, and I'm trying to learn Cree again."

If she graduates, she'll be among the minority of on-reserve First Nations students.

A 2011 report from Canada's auditor general found the education gap between First Nations and the rest of the population is growing even wider — a trend the federal government is trying to reverse.

The almost \$2 billion in promised funding is welcome news, but for many young people, like Grade 12 student Patrick Ermine, it will come too late.

"I'm actually known here at the school for being an artist, but there aren't any art classes," says Ermine, 18, who aspires to be a tattoo artist.

While Ermine and Daniels are hopeful about their future, Joanne Berg, a resource teacher at the school, remains worried that a lack of access to modern technology and resources will hurt students in the long run.

"When they choose to go off to university, and their profs are not looking at where they come from, they expect everybody to be able to go and research essays, and find their textbooks," she says.

"They just don't have that ability. We find the kids that are leaving and going off to university are coming back home because they don't know how to access those resources."



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Patrick Ermine, 18, at Sturgeon Lake Central School

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Payton Daniels, 15, at Sturgeon Lake Central School



Learning with

Upheaval is coming for First Nations schools. The federal government is planning to invest nearly \$2 billion into the neglected system and give communities more control over their own education. Metro travelled to two on-reserve schools to document their condition, the details of the plan and why many people say the proposed changes may be their kids' last chance.



A Grade 12 English class at Sturgeon Lake Central School reads *Lord of the Flies*. Administrators at many on-reserve schools must make do without the funds to hire

JACOB MORGAN
Metro in Saskatoon

For administrators at on-reserve schools, every day is a juggling act.

"It's a constant struggle finding enough money for everything," says Pauline McKay, director and principal of the Sturgeon Lake Central School, which serves the Sturgeon Lake First Nation about 55 kilometres northwest of Prince Albert, Sask.

But many are optimistic that the years ahead will be different.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is promising \$1.9 billion over seven years in the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act. The funding is set to kick in next year.

"We have one phys-ed teacher for all of our 500 kids," says McKay, providing an example of the chronic shortages. "There's always a lack of staff."

In most of the country, First Nations education is funded through the federal government, whereas mainstream public schools receive funding through the province.

McKay said that Sturgeon Lake gets \$6,500 per student per year. By comparison, the provincial government provided more than \$10,000 per student to public and Catholic divisions in the North Battleford, Sask., area, and around \$17,000 to the French board, according to a 2013 study from educational consultant R. J. Kowalchuk.

That discrepancy results in fewer course offerings.

McKay envies how provincial schools are able to enjoy such luxuries as drama and music classes.

"For extras, we have phys-ed and we've got Cree," McKay says. "That's it."

All this hasn't stopped McKay and others at the school from trying to produce graduates out of children deprived of resources. McKay designed her own schedule so students can focus their efforts on one course at a time each month.

At James Smith Cree Nation, roughly 65 kilometres from Prince Albert, the situation is even worse.

Marlene Nicholls, principal of Bernard Constant Community School, says her administration ends up with just \$4,340 per student. Staff can't even afford to call in sick.

"This year we weren't able to hire substitute teachers," she says.

During the five-plus years Nicholls has been with the school, she hasn't once been able to purchase a new vehicle. Luckily, she has a retention worker who can double as a mechanic.

"In the public school system, you have to have (your vehicles) inspected," she says. "We try our best to adhere to those rules and policies, but there's no money for that."

What Nicholls does have is a retention worker and a community liaison to keep tabs on troubled students.

"If a teacher says, 'This kid is missing,' then they go and find out what's happening," she says. "They also have some training in addictions."

less



enough teachers. JACOB MORGAN/METRO IN SASKATOON

Each of these social workers earns only \$19,000 a year.

The new Conservative initiative for First Nations education is expected to start injecting increased funding in 2015. So the question for those on the ground is not only whether it will be enough, but also whether it will be soon enough.

"I don't think people really believe what it's like in the reserve," McKay says.

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On the web



1 Gallery. Outdated and in disrepair

Visit metronews.ca to take a closer look at some of the conditions that exist in the First Nations schools of Saskatchewan.

2 Timetable. The basics — just the basics

Principal Pauline McKay of the Sturgeon Lake Central School designed her own schedule so students can focus their efforts on one course at a time each month. Visit metronews.ca to see the meagre timetable.



Hope he's good
with names ...

Sturgeon Lake Central has just one
phys-ed teacher for its 500 students.



'Debbie Downer' Raitt dashes dreams of Northwest Passage

You're enjoying your day ... Everything's going your way when along comes Lisa Raitt to tell you there'll be no Arctic shortcut soon

All the enthusiastic talk about shipping through the Arctic will remain mostly just that — talk — for the foreseeable future, says Transport Minister Lisa Raitt.

During an appearance Tuesday in Washington, Raitt played down expectations that the Northwest Passage would become a viable shipping route any time soon — expectations stoked by the prospect of a changing climate opening



Transport Minister Lisa Raitt
THE CANADIAN PRESS

up the famed route pursued by explorers centuries ago.

She bluntly offered a list of concerns — including from insurance companies who, she said, are the

ones really calling the shots about what ships would be allowed to pass through the area.

There are too many problems for now, including shallow passes and a lack of navigational markers, Raitt said. Any time savings offered by the shorter route would be negated if a ship got stuck, she added.

And then there's the frightening prospect of oil spills.

"I don't see it happening right now," Raitt said in a lengthy, freewheeling question-and-answer session at the Canadian American Business Council.

Nonetheless, the former head of the Toronto Port Authority said she remains enthusiastic about the possibility.

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Some ebook(glow)worms to get account credits

Maarten Heilbron of Toronto reads an ebook on his iPad while his wife, Kim, reads on a Kobo Touch. Buyers of ebooks will get account credits this week from five publishers — Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, Penguin Group and Holtzbrinck doing business as Macmillan — who reached settlements after states alleged they colluded to raise prices, New York's attorney general said Tuesday. TEXT: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PHOTO: RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Luxottica eyes profits

Shares in Italian eyewear maker Luxottica have risen sharply on the announcement that it will make frames for Google's new Internet-connected eyewear, the Google Glass.

Luxottica shares were up 4.7 per cent to 40.77 euros (\$55.80

US) in Milan trading Tuesday.

CEO Andrea Guerra told the daily La Repubblica that the push to market will be in 2015 and that the Google partnership should help guarantee the eyewear maker annual growth of 5 per cent to 10 per cent.

Guerra said Luxottica should soon achieve revenues of 10 billion euros.

Google Glass is a computing device that includes a thumb-nail-sized screen above the wearer's right eye to view Internet content. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Air Canada's Rouge grows

Air Canada is trying to further cut costs by expanding its low-cost subsidiary Rouge in Western Canada and using it to replace its regular service on some U.S. routes from Vancouver and Calgary.

Air Canada said Tuesday that Rouge will begin daily flights at the end of April to Las Vegas from Calgary and Vancouver.

It will be followed with service to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Anchorage, Alaska, a key port for cruise ships. Seasonal service from Vancouver and Calgary to Phoenix will begin next December.

Air Canada chief commercial officer Ben Smith said the expansion of Rouge and the addition of new aircraft are a "key element of our strategy for sustainable, profitable growth at both airlines."

"Air Canada Rouge is best suited to compete more cost effectively in these markets where there is both a high leisure travel demand and low-cost competition," he stated in a news release.

The airline is using Rouge to lower costs by filling planes with more passengers and paying workers less than on the main network.

Smith said it may add other destinations to Rouge as Air Canada receives delivery of new airplanes allowing its existing Airbus A319s and Boeing 767s to be transferred to the low-cost subsidiary.

Air Canada also said Rouge will also take over service between Toronto and San Diego and Phoenix.

The Montreal-based airline is expecting to cut \$100 million in costs — a 15 per cent

reduction in costs per available seat mile — over five years by adding new Boeing 777s, 787 Dreamliners and expanding Rouge.

With 18 per cent more seats, lower wages, more flexible work rules and lower overhead, Rouge's narrowbody fleet is expected to operate 21 per cent cheaper than the same airplanes on the main network. The advantage gained with the widebody 767s is even larger with a 25 per cent increase in seating to 264 passengers that lowers costs per available seat mile by 29 per cent.

Analyst David Tyerman of Canaccord Genuity said the expansion of Rouge in Western Canada is consistent with Air Canada's previously announced plans and efforts in Eastern Canada.

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Waterloo

BlackBerry aims to cash in on BBM

BlackBerry is about to launch an update to its popular BlackBerry Messenger chat service that it hopes will rake in some extra coin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

READING, WRITING AND ARRRR

Math problem!

Little Johnny has 37 candies and wants to divide them evenly among his five buddies, leaving an equal number for himself. How many candies does each of the boys get?

Answer: Little Johnny hasn't the faintest idea.

He and his friends take the "discovery" method of mathematics at school, where they don't learn the answer but are taught techniques for getting to the answer some day.

So they don't know much about division or fractions. Nor, for that matter, multiplication tables, adding and subtracting from columns of numbers or any of that other boring stuff.

Go figure.

If you don't learn the fundamentals of math, you're in over your head the moment you encounter algebra. And if you don't master algebra, the door is barred to careers in engineering, science, medicine, IT, etc.



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca

Math problem indeed!

I suppose you could get an English degree, but you'd have to learn how to spell. Although the way things are going these days, that may not be necessary.

This is not just idle speculation from the back-to-basics crowd. You know: those flinty fundamentalists who walked 10 kilometres to school uphill both ways in a snowstorm and liked it. Canadian math students have dropped out of the top 10 in international math scores. We're number 13!

And in the latest round of tests, only 16 per cent of Canadian students scored at "high achieving levels," compared to 30 per cent of Asian students.

That sound you hear? That's Canada's future going into the ditch on the road to progress.

Things are so bad even parents are starting to notice. The province of Alberta has drawn back from the "discovery" method after receiving a petition from more than 11,700

people who want their kids to be able to count. And Manitoba has reintroduced math drills back into the classroom, while trying to wean kids from kindergarten to Grade 3 off calculators. Ontario is sticking to the discovery course. Why fix it if it doesn't work in the first place?

Right now, you're probably going: "Who needs math?" Well, you do. Every day: at work, on the family finances, trying to convert U.S. gas prices to Canadian litres and dollars (which require advanced calculus), figuring out what to buy at the hardware store or how much to tip the waiter (although many restaurants are pleased to do the calculation for you).

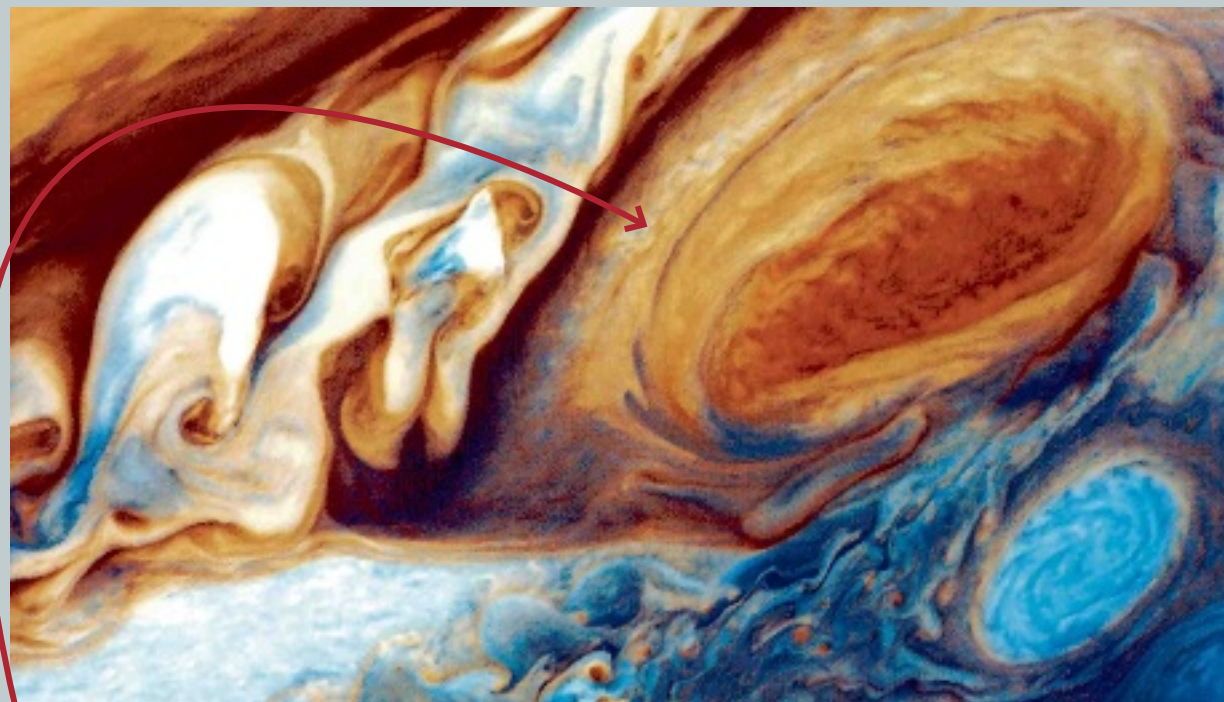
You're at the mercy of the bad old world unless you know how to figure, and for that you need multiplication tables or long division. And unless you do something and soon, your kids will suck at math even worse than you do.

Just think, if little Johnny knows how to divide, he'll successfully divvy up the candies into lots of six with one left over. And he gets to keep that one.

His friends can't count, so they'll never "discover" what he's done.

ZOOM

Jupiter paints a pretty picture



COURTESY NASA/JPL-CALTECH

Artistic photo of Great Red Spot

It appears to be a canvas painted with Vincent van Gogh's colourful swirls in mind — but this is in fact a photo of Jupiter's Great Red Spot, captured by NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft. The Great Red Spot, the most conspicuous feature of Jupiter's cloud surface, is an atmospheric storm that has been raging in the planet's

Southern Hemisphere for at least 400 years.

In 1979, Voyager zoomed toward Jupiter, capturing hundreds of images during its approach. The observations revealed many features of the planet's surface that are still being explored today. This particular view was only recently assembled from three black and white negatives by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. **METRO**

Storm's mystery

- **Size.** 20,000 kilometres long and 12,000 kilometres wide, 3.5 times the size of Earth.
- **Mystery.** Scientists remain baffled why the storm does not dissipate. Their best explanation is the storm gains energy by swallowing smaller vortices in Jupiter's jet streams.



A view of planet Jupiter.

COURTESY NASA

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LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

The latest in a series of Internet memes-to-book crazes is dog shaming: pictures of downtrodden dogs posing with notes outlining what they ate, chewed or pooped on. However, like most Internet memes, dog shaming has spawned a series of spinoffs — even baby shaming.

DogShaming.com:

The original site is still one of the best. You can also follow Pascale Lemire on Twitter @dogshaming.

Cat-Shaming:

Not content to let dogs have even a slice of online infamy, the Internet's reigning animal was one of the first to jump on the shaming bandwagon. Tumblr is rife with cat-shaming pics, many of which are col-

lected at cat-shaming.tumblr.com.

Horse-Shaming.com:

For the irrepressible equine in your life.

Pinterest:

No matter what your preferred genre of shaming is, Pinterest has you covered. The photo-sharing site has plenty of shaming content, but is a particular hotbed of baby shaming.



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Twitter



@metropicks asked: School boards are teaching responsible tweeting. What lesson would you teach kids who use social media?

@andiwrongwolf: I would teach them that their tweets along with any worldly doings are ultimately meaningless due to their unshakeable mortality

@sassypants81: Never use your real name. - Not Alana Beck

@EvanPetrie17: Don't hide behind anonymity. It's cowardly.

@Canucklehead_ca: RULE #1: Do as I say, not as I do.

@ljorche: Tweet as if your Grandparents will be reading it.

@artsyTrish: Ignore the trolls. Do not engage in argument just because you are not face to face. Respect others.

@HanahBissell: everything is public and can never be deleted. Even if its "private" or "removed" Bad tweets at 16 can haunt you.

@reachstacey: they do not understand how swearing and vulgarity will come back to haunt them by employers-they don't care

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Crowe blockbuster latest in a flood of Noah movies

Story ark. Bible tale formerly featured in Disney films and doc



IN FOCUS
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According to Genesis, God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them."

Noah, a righteous man, was commanded to build an ark and stock it with "two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive."

For 40 days and 40 nights Noah, his family and precious cargo withstood a flood so severe it submerged the tops of mountains until "every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out."

Once the flooding stopped and the Earth dried, God commanded Noah to come out of the ark and release the animals, "so they can multiply on the Earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."

The story of Noah's ark and the flood is one of mankind's most famous tales and Hollywood has retold it a number of times.

This weekend Russell Crowe plays the title role in Noah, co-starring Jennifer Connelly, Anthony Hopkins and Emma Watson. Director Darren Aronofsky says he has been obsessed with the story since he was 13, calling it "the



Russell Crowe stars in Noah, directed by Darren Aronofsky. CONTRIBUTED

first apocalypse story." Nonetheless, he has added his own spin to the tale.

"When we first started working on the project, we were very clear not to have sandals and robes and long white beards," he told Rolling Stone. "The first thing I said to Russell Crowe was, 'I'll never shoot you on a houseboat with two giraffes standing behind you.'"

More traditional are two Disney short films. Father Noah's Ark is a 1933 "Silly Symphony" for children that tells the narrative in song.

Lively animation shows how the animals may have helped build the ship and why skunks almost didn't make it on board.

In 1959 Disney released the twenty-minute Noah's Ark, their first stop-motion animated film. A jazzy score accompanies equally jazzy animation as pencils, pipe cleaners and other household items are inventively used to create the animals.

Shooting the flood scene in the 1928 version of Noah's Ark endangered the life of a future Hollywood icon. John

An untraditional Noah

"When we first started working on the project, we were very clear not to have sandals and robes and long white beards."

Darren Aronofsky, director of Noah

Wayne was a swimmer in the famous scene, and emerged unhurt, but other weren't so lucky. Three extras drowned and a dozen others suffered broken limbs.

Finally, a 1977 documentary claims to shed some light on the real story. In Search

of Noah's Ark is an investigation into the speculation that Turkey's Mt. Ararat is the landing place of Noah's Ark. "This may be the most incredible film you will ever see," says narrator Brad Crandall, "but the facts that will be presented are true."

Wahlberg and Bay transform franchise



Mark Wahlberg says Transformers: Age of Extinction "will be the biggest movie of 2014." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark Wahlberg, star of the upcoming Transformers: Age of Extinction, is promising the fourth installment of the Michael Bay-directed franchise will be a huge hit.

"For moviegoers all over the world, I guarantee this will take it up a notch," Wahlberg said Monday at the annual movie theatre convention CinemaCon.

Paramount vice chairman Rob Moore said Bay was hesitant to return to the franchise until they were able to zero in on the right story and cast

that would capture his imagination.

"Michael promised me it would be a very different, stand-alone movie, which it absolutely is," said Wahlberg. "It is bigger and better than the other three (films) combined. This will be the biggest movie of 2014."

In the action film, Wahlberg, who re-teams with Bay after last year's Pain and Gain, plays Cade Yeager, an automobile mechanic who discovers a rundown truck, which is really a transformer. Soon,

he's the target of Autobots, Decepticons and the government.

With a series of Transformers films, which featured a consistent cast including Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel and Tyrese Gibson, Wahlberg admitted he's feeling the pressure of stepping into the shoes of the other actors.

But he says he "had to jump at the opportunity because I really feel like it is probably the most iconic franchise in movie history."

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Taylor Swift GETTY IMAGES

Swift gets restraining order against stalker

A judge has granted Taylor Swift a three-year restraining order against a man who has threatened the singer's family.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Carol Boas Goodson granted Swift a protective order from Timothy Sweet, who has expressed his belief that he is married to the Grammy winner.

Swift was granted a temporary restraining order against Sweet on March 3. Swift's filing states Sweet has

sent messages threatening to harm Swift's family or anyone who interferes with his perceived relationship with the entertainer. The singer wrote in a sworn declaration that she fears for her safety in public and at home.

Court filings state Sweet has sent threatening messages online and went to Swift's Beverly Hills home in February.

The order also covers Swift's parents.

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Flavor Flav GETTY IMAGES

New York's Public Enemy? Flavor Flav returns to court

Entertainer Flavor Flav must return to his native New York at least one more time to answer charges stemming from his arrest as he raced to his mother's funeral.

Police say the rapper and reality TV star was speeding and driving without a licence, a felony, on Jan. 9 on the Meadowbrook Parkway on Long Island.

Flav, whose real name is William Drayton, told reporters as he entered a Nassau

County courtroom on Tuesday that he hoped to resolve the case. Drayton, who lives in Las Vegas, grumbled that flights from there to New York were becoming expensive.

His attorney, Indji Bessim, says the case was postponed to May 16.

Drayton also faces felony assault and other charges in Las Vegas after allegedly threatening his longtime girlfriend's teenage son.

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METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Nick Cannon appeared on Instagram in gleeful whiteface to promote his upcoming album, *White People Party Music*. INSTAGRAM

Nick Cannon dons whiteface

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

White people, let's agree to be mature about this one.

Yes, that's Nick Cannon up there. Yes, he's donned what might be termed "whiteface." Yes, he adorned the Instagram pic with the caption, "It's official... I'm White!!! #WHITEPEOPLEPARTYMUSIC #Wppm in stores April 1st!!!!!!Dude Go Get It!!!Join The Party!!!! #GoodCredit #DogKissing #BeerPong #FarmersMarkets #FistPumping #CreamCheeseEating #RacialDraft "Bro I got drafted!!!"

So what led Mr. Mariah Carey to dress up as a ginger bro, looking like he's having the time of his life? He's promoting his upcoming album, *White People Party Music*. However, some of the Internet is writhing under the sting

of what it perceives as Cannon's brutal racism. "Why is it considered humour when a black person paints their face white but when a white person paints their face black, it's racism? I don't care what justification anyone has for it. The action is still the same and people have the right to feel violated by @nickcannon actions," Instagram user c_n_v commented, adding, "The movie *White Chicks* was not meant to make fun of a race but instead two undercover cops doing their job."

All right, I may be in the minority on this one, but I think it's fine. Blackface is offensive because minstrel shows were part of the systematic oppression of African-Americans for hundreds of years. White people have never been systematically oppressed by black people. No, not even two days ago, when Nick Cannon dressed up as your cousin Colin.

The movie *White Chicks*, though, was a bridge too far.



Chris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow GETTY IMAGES

After 11 years, Gwyneth and Chris call it quits

It appears things have gone cold in the Paltrow-Martin household. After months of speculation, Gwyneth Paltrow confirmed on her website, Goop, that she and Coldplay singer Chris Martin are calling it quits.

"It is with hearts full of sadness that we have decided to separate," she writes. "We have been working hard for

well over a year, some of it together, some of it separated, to see what might have been possible between us, and we have come to the conclusion that while we love each other very much we will remain separate."

Paltrow and Martin married 11 years ago and have two children, Apple, 9, and Moses, 7. METRO WORLD NEWS

Will Brad get to yuk it up with Judd Apatow?

Brad Pitt apparently has his sights set on the comedy world and wants to team up with Judd Apatow to do something on the lighter side. There's just one problem, though: Apatow is reportedly Team Aniston, having "firmly" sided with Jennifer Aniston after her split from Pitt. "Brad wants Judd to write a new comedy with him in mind to reintroduce audiences to his comedic side," a source tells Radar Online. "This all puts Judd in a tricky spot because of his longtime friend Jen, but the divorce was a long time ago and Judd is



Brad Pitt GETTY IMAGES

very interested in writing and directing Brad. He is going to do his best to make something work in the coming months."

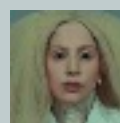
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Machu Picchu three ways

A trip to the ancient citadel in Peru's Cusco region, 2,430 metres above sea level, tops many bucket lists. The beauty of the 15th-century site becomes even more awe-inspiring when you take in the surrounding Andean peaks and the Vilcanota-Urubamba River. Whether you're a thrill-seeker, an eco aficionado or a connoisseur, there's something for everyone on the trail to the icon of Inca civilization.

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Loki Hostel's action-packed tours are a great way to bond with other fun-loving travellers. MORGAN DUNLOP/FOR METRO

For the thrill-seeker

Party every night with travellers from around the world at the Loki Hostel in Cusco city (beds from \$8). Named after the Scandinavian god of mischief, this former Spanish colonial home fell into disrepair before four friends set out to turn it into the go-to social spot for fun-loving travellers looking to bond over copious amounts of alcohol. After sharing a row of fiery blood bombs — a shot of vodka mixed with grenadine, lit on fire and plunged into a half-glass of Red Bull — you may decide to head on a trek to Machu Picchu together. The hostel's most action-packed tour leaves you at Machu Picchu after four days of hiking, white- water rafting, mountain biking and zip- lining. Make sure to hike the higher Huayna Picchu for a vertical climb that leads to a stunning view of the site. Before you leave Cusco, dine like a local at the San Pedro market. Expect to be pleasantly ignored and served authentic, inexpensive food, like barbecued guinea pig and alpaca. Try not to be too hungover when you pass the pungent entrails aisle. Visit lokihostel.com/cusco; also see the Loki Travel section of the site for tour information.



For the eco aficionado

Warm your feet by a crackling fire in your Andean-village inspired whitewashed casita at the Inka Terra Machu Picchu hotel (rooms from about \$440). A 30-minute bus ride from Machu Picchu, this property lies in the Andean cloud forest — a lush eco-system at the intersection of the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Towering mountains on either side provide fresh drinking water and fill the hotel's pool and hot tubs. The grounds are home to fruit and vegetable gardens, a tea plantation and 372 orchid species, as well as a diverse hummingbird population and several rescued Andean spectacled bears the hotel hopes to reintroduce to the wild. Take a day trip to Awana Kancha to see the life cycle of the garments you see at local markets. Feed llamas and alpacas while watching as women from local communities spin their fibres, dye the wool with various herbs, barks and minerals and weave them into intricate vibrant designs. Visit inkaterra.com and awanakancha.com/en.



Soak in the luxury at Palacio Nazarenas. PALACIO NAZARENAS

For the connoisseur

Sip a Pisco Sour prepared by your butler as you adapt to the altitude in Cusco's luxury hotel, Palacio Nazarenas (rooms from about \$610). Oxygen-enriched rooms and aromatherapy pillows, stuffed with peppermint, coca leaves, sage and flower petals, help ease the transition to 3,400 metres, about 1,000 metres higher than Machu Picchu. A five-minute walk from the main square, this property features modern comforts with historic charm. Board the Belmond Hiram Bingham train (return trip from about \$885), named after the archaeologist credited with introducing the West to Machu Picchu. Sip complimentary mimosas as you travel through the ever-changing scenery from Cusco city to Machu Picchu. Arrive at Machu Picchu rested and refreshed for a hike with one of the train's knowledgeable guides. Don't leave Peru without the Inca royalty treasure vicuña. Considered one of the softest, lightest and warmest animal fibres in the world, Kuna's vicuña shawl is sheared only from protected wild live animals (\$2,250 US). Visit palacionazarenas.com; belmond.com; and kuna.com.pe/en/natural_fibers/vicuna.



Maple syrup season offers sweet relief

So long winter!

Celebrate the change of season by tapping into Ontario's sticky stuff

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Just as March is adored for the dawn of spring, it's also the month that maple trees in Ontario's sugar bush country begin to seep liquid gold. The sugar season may be belated but you should still rush out and uncover these sweet stops on a maple syrup tour.

Sugar Bush Maple Syrup Festival (Toronto-area)
Not far from Toronto, the Kortright (Woodbridge) and

Bruce's Mill (Stouffville) Conservation Areas both highlight the history of sweet sap on their Maple Syrup Trail. Open weekends until April 6, the festival also features enough syrup samplings, petting zoos, magic shows and even a music workshop (Kortright) to keep fidgety toddlers entertained. Admission is \$10 (adults) and \$6.50 (children). Visit maplesyrupfest.com.

White Meadows Farms (St. Catharines)
A short drive from Niagara-on-the-Lake, White Meadows Farms features the Sugar Bush Adventure, a family-friendly exploration of tree-tapping through the ages led by guides in period costume. It costs \$9.50 for adults (children are \$6), and if you

factor in the sap-line maze, petting farm, taffy shack and an amazing pancake house (which is worth the trip in its own right), the whole family should walk away sweetly satisfied. Visit whitemeadowsfarms.com.

Elmira Maple Syrup Festival (Kitchener)
Located 20 minutes from Kitchener, the town of Elmira is marking 50 years of saluting syrupy goodness on April 6. Expect thousands to descend upon the world's largest single-day maple syrup festival to taste old-fashioned maple toffee, take in pancake-flipping contests, enjoy live music and, of course, feast on flapjacks smothered with local syrup. Explorers can hop on a

bus to hike around a sugar bush or witness maple syrup being made in the Mobile Sugar Shack. Visit elmiramaplesyrup.com.

Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush (London)
Another crowd-pleasing playground for maple maniacs is the Kinsmen Club's sugar bush near London. Tapping trees since 1972, the Fanshawe Sugar Bush features maple syrup tours on weekends (until the end of March) as well as hayrides and, for the sweet-toothed, fresh hotcakes and sausages at their Pancake Pavilion. Plus, at only \$2 admission for children (\$3 for adults), that's pure sweetness for the pocketbook. Visit kinsmenfanshawesugarbush.com.

Quebec's top sugar shacks

Ontario's maple syrup industry may be thriving, but Quebec's sugar shacks are equally plentiful. Here are three of the most popular:

- Érablière Charbonneau**
Since 2004, this family-friendly sugar shack has featured a variety of tasty goodies, maple taffy demonstrations and live music — not to mention sleigh rides and snowshoeing in its maple forest. Visit erablierecharbonneau.qc.ca.
- Érablière au Sous-Bois**
Don't expect simple flapjacks at this daring sugar shack. The tempting buffet at Érablière au Sous-Bois offers such



twists on traditional maple fare as beet salad and dumplings boiled in syrup. Visit cabaneasucre.ca.

- Cabane à sucre Bouvrette**
After 65 years, this family-owned business still offers the authentic Quebecois maple experience. Stuff yourself on a wide variety of inspired maple-infused treats or explore the sugar bush by sleigh or train. Visit bouvrette.ca.



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Get out under the stars

Learn to Camp. Parks Canada program aims to teach Canadians how to use their own backyard



ON THE MOVE
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Spring is finally here and Parks Canada wants you to start planning a trip to its national parks and historic sites across the country. I chatted with Julie Lefebvre from the Visitor Experience Branch about the Learn to Camp program that's aiming to fill the parks this summer.

What is the Learn to Camp program?

We're organizing weekends to teach people the basics of camping. We're looking to help people who have no experience camping and don't know about our national parks or historic sites.

When they register we provide them with equipment such as a tent and sleeping pads through our partner Mountain Equipment Co-op. The Parks Canada and MEC staff run workshops through the weekend and teach them about how to set up a tent, cook around a camp and review all the equipment to bring. We even sing songs around the campfire. The idea is they get the skills to come on their own next time.

Where and when will these weekends be happening?

June 20 and 21 is the launch date and last Learn to Camp is end of September. There are about 20 places that are going to run the program across the country — mainly in national parks, but there are some historic sites as well.

A few places, like Rouge National Urban Park in Toronto, will do several Learn to Camp weekends throughout the summer but mainly it's once. Several locations will also provide buses from downtown locations to assist in getting everyone to the campsite.

How do people register?

They can call the Parks Canada call centre. You cannot do it online, but the website pc.gc.ca does contain all the information on dates and locations.

The registration opens on April 18. It is first come, first serve, so call as soon as it opens. Cost varies depending on location.

Is there a new program this summer?

Yes, Equipped Campsite. There are nine or 10 locations across the country including Banff National Park and Cape Breton Island that will be renting camping equipment. This is for people who don't have equipment and loved the Learn to Camp program in summers past. People who now feel confident to go on their own with their families.

Why are these programs so important?

They connect people with nature and give them a great opportunity to have a typical Canadian experience.

New York City. Architecture poses with fashion in Bill Cunningham exhibition

Bill Cunningham is a familiar presence on the social and fashion pages of The New York Times and the streets of New York City, riding a bicycle with a small camera bag strapped to his waist.

But long before his images of street fashion became a regular newspaper feature, Cunningham spent eight years, from 1968 to 1976, working on a whimsical photo essay of models in period costumes posing against historic sites of the same vintage.

Astride his bike, he searched secondhand shops for antique clothing and looked for architectural sites across the city to create the perfect tableaux, many of which featured his muse and fellow photographer, Editta Sherman.

The result was Facades, a book published in 1978.

Now, nearly all of the 88 gelatin silver prints from the series, which Cunningham donated to the New-York Historical Society, are featured in an exhibition there. Bill Cunningham: Facades runs through June 15.



Photographer Bill Cunningham's muse, Editta Sherman, poses in front of the Associated Press Building at Rockefeller Center. NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A former hat maker, Cunningham's models are featured in fantastical headdress. In one composition, Sherman wears a fur pillbox that playfully mimics the spiral lines of Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum. In another, a large hat brimming with oversized feathers and flowers perched high on Sherman's head is used as a perfect counterpoint to the

sculpture of Hercules, Minerva and Mercury on the clock atop Grand Central Terminal.

"I don't think he ever thought of it as a fashion project," said the show's curator, Valerie Paley. "It's more a social, architectural and fashion history of the city. ... He saw the grace of old architecture, the lines and the architectural integrity." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bucket List

Hassle-free family adventure

Parents want holidays to be as much of a no-brainer as possible. Vacation operator Trafalgar to the rescue. It has a Family Experiences division, where all the fun gets curated for children, parents and grandparents, with

holidays in Canada, the U.S., Europe, South America and South Africa. Benefits include pre-planned itineraries, a chaperone to give you the insider treatment and smooth over language barriers, and full cultural experiences you couldn't possibly arrange yourself, particularly in a foreign country. Check out trafalgar.com.

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Don't fear the retry.

Skipping from position to position may not be as professionally sinful as it once seemed in a working culture that demands a variety of experience

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Maybe you're trying to find your professional niche. Perhaps you get bored easily and like to constantly try your hand at new things.

It could be that you are multitasked, with many passions and diverse interests you're pursuing.

Whatever the reason, if you shift from job to job, trying on different positions and sampling a variety of industries, you may be sabotaging your hire-ability.

That is, unless you have a strategy to navigate your professional mobility through job transitions to leapfrog your career.

Job mobility

In a new study from The University of California at Berkeley, researchers found that freelancers who demonstrated a long-term commitment to one field were most likely to be hired.

After examining millions of candidate profiles on an online job site, Professor Ming D. Leung of the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business found that applicants whose work history demonstrated a number of similar positions were at a distinct advantage over the competition.



Time off, a freelance or volunteer gig, a new collaboration or professional development project — these seemingly sideways or random career shifts could be exactly the professional pivots required to reach your career goals. ISTOCK

On the other hand, Leung discovered that freelancers who remained in one position for a long time, or who took on various but dissimilar positions, were perceived as less attractive to employers on the site.

Put differently, this university study hints that trying on different jobs is preferable and may give you an edge, as long as you stick within a single field.

Planning ahead

Other experts and studies have confirmed that zig-zagging

Collecting expertise

Thinking strategically, those short-term positions can actually help you develop transferable skills and demonstrate your professional flexibility and openness to change.

your way through a series of short-term assignments isn't detrimental to your overall career progress if you do it right. Thinking strategically, those short-term positions can actually help you develop transferable skills and demonstrate your professional flexibility and

openness to change.

In fact, what may at first seem to be a step backward may actually be the key to fast-track your career progression.

Describing his own experience in Harvard Business Review, Alex McClung observed that, "the sideways moves

accelerated my career by five years or more each time," concluding that "sideways always turns into a slingshot." Your career "needs to be horizontal" if you want to get ahead, HBR author Ron Ashkenas insists, because the talent most in demand today has the skills to collaborate — adding "value across" the board for very different stakeholders.

Where you come in

Contract gigs, side hustles, freelancing — all may appear as a series of horizontal moves

Direction of your dash

"Not everyone's path makes sense as a vertical trajectory," observes Robin Madell, and it's possible to "move up" by moving over, or even by stepping right off the ladder every once in awhile.

- If that idea appeals, consider managing your career more like a college professor does, suggests Bruce Kasanoff in Forbes. Academics often step up to serve a limited term in an administrative role before returning to their teaching and research. And every once in awhile it's time for a sabbatical — a chance to pursue a new project, collaborate, learn a new skill, recharge and refocus.

on a very long resumé. But working hard on this kind of career-in-progress can result an impressive, broad and diverse project portfolio, and produce an extensive network of professional contacts. Those are two big pluses for you — especially if you think of yourself as a bit of a careerpreneur.

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When you're starting out on a job search, it's important to dress the part — whether you're at a networking event, business lunch or your first entry level job.

Despite the wealth of sartorial advice out there, I've always been a little disappointed at the lack of attention paid to that oft-maligned necktie alternative: the bow tie.

A moment of full disclosure: I couldn't be more biased on this particular front. I've been wearing bow ties for years.

However, this affinity has given me some insight into the practical merits of an admittedly esoteric piece of neckwear.

They're easy to tie (Part 1)

There's a popular misconception that a bow tie is a modern Gordian knot — when in fact tying a conventional necktie is much more complicated.

While most people learn to tie a tie one way and one way only, two Cambridge physicists have determined that the average tie can be knotted at least 85 different ways, 13 of which result in unique aesthetically pleasing knots.

By contrast, there's only one way to tie a bow tie — and the Internet is full of diagrams and videos that can teach you how.

They're easy to tie (Part 2)

Have you ever stood in front of your mirror, tying and re-tying a necktie, only to get the length wrong every time? Properly tied, a necktie is supposed to cover the entirety of your shirt placket, with the tip just grazing the top of your belt buckle.

It's hard to pull this off the first time, even after years of practice.



Bow ties are tall-person friendly, as you don't need to worry about having the right length of tie to work with. ISTOCK

This difficulty is greatly reduced with a bow tie. Less fabric to work with means you've got a good chance of getting it right the first time — plus, a bow-tie knot isn't

supposed to be perfect (just a little asymmetrical).

They're easy to wear

Noted American designer and architect Charles Eames wore

A-plus accessory

Nestled snugly at collar level, it leaves you free to sup soup with reckless abandon — and it can't get snagged in a drawer unless you go into a filing cabinet face first.

bow ties his entire life, supposedly because they kept out of his way while he worked at the drafting table.

If you regularly wear neckties, you'll know how many disastrous threats the average workplace offers your cravat. It can wind up dunked in your morning coffee, serving as an accidental serviette at lunch, snagged in a drawer... the list goes on.

The bow-tie gracefully avoids these potential pitfalls. Nestled snugly at collar level, it leaves you free to sup soup with reckless abandon — and it can't get snagged in a drawer unless you go into a filing cabinet face first.

They aren't as flashy as you think

"I couldn't get away with wearing that, everyone would stare at me."

I hear this a lot with respect to bow ties, often from friends who claim they admire my "courage." People are often afraid that they'll become an object of comment, or even ridicule, should they jump on the bowtie bandwagon.

The frank truth is that the average person — in your office, on the street — isn't really all that interested in what you're wearing. Sure, it's a bit of a rarity, but the odd funny look shouldn't be what deters you from trying new things.

After all, you'll never be able to find something that makes everyone happy.

If you work in a conservative industry, it's possible the bow tie might not be right for you. But if you're looking to express a little personal style and flair, it might just be time to jump on the bow-tie bandwagon.

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Trading wisdom for selfless work

Coffee with an inspirational entrepreneur?
Website aims to exchange volunteer hours for meetings with major mentors

Fair trade

"I figured wouldn't it be cool if we were able to auction off (the opportunity) to meet cool people or get great experiences."

David Wen
Founder of Timeauction.org

Ron Joyce, the co-founder of the Tim Hortons empire, isn't likely to take a meeting with just anyone.

But spend 20 hours doing volunteer work for a good cause and he'll sit down for a talk over a couple of double-doubles, no problem.

Joyce is among the big names who have donated some time to the new website Timeauction.org, where volunteers can sign up to be rewarded for their good deeds.

The website is run by David Wen, who organized an offline volunteer-for-prizes event while studying at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., and set up

another in Vancouver.

Believing the idea had big potential, he built a website to attract prospective volunteers across the country and managed to recruit some interesting people who agreed to offer their time as prizes.

"I figured, wouldn't it be cool if we were able to auction off (the opportunity) to meet cool people or get great experiences," Wen says.

So far, volunteers can donate their time in exchange for meetings with CBC design gurus Steven and Chris, Toronto Star editor-in-chief Michael Cooke, co-anchor of the BNN show The Street Pamela Ritchie, Reddit co-

founder Steve Huffman, and a number of other well-connected professionals.

Each meeting has a pre-set number of volunteer hours needed to be claimed and they're handed out on a first come, first served basis.

Wen says he considered awarding the meetings to the highest bidders but had some concerns with that approach after running his offline events.

"What we started to find was that people may bid above their capabilities and it's a real stretch for them to complete the hours, so what we wanted to move towards was having more people win with (fewer) hours," he says.

"We were also finding that people who were bidding 50 or 60 hours were the ones who had a lot of time and probably were already volunteering anyway, where we want to target people who maybe it's the first time they're volunteering and we get them hooked on giving back to the community."

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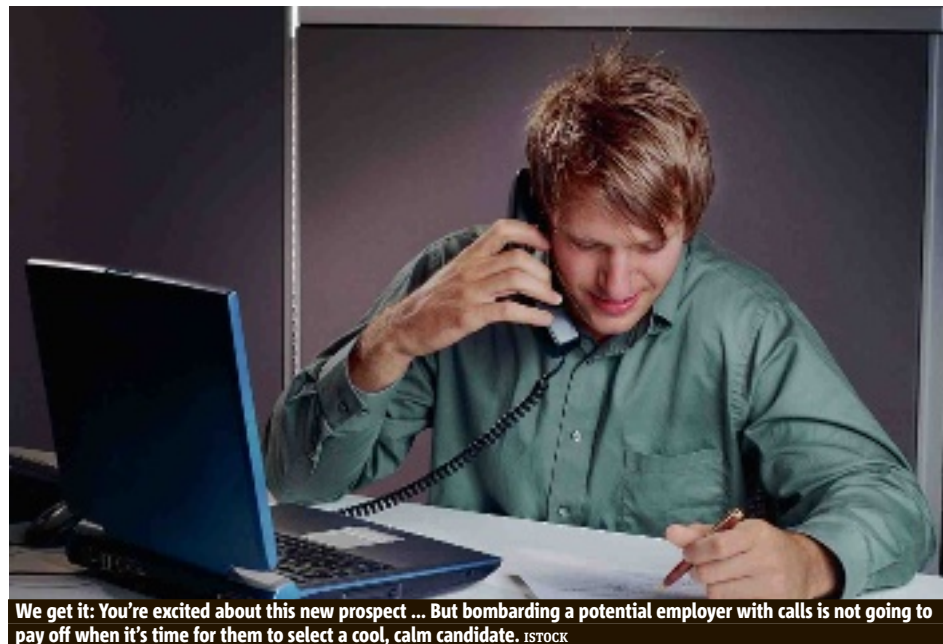
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Whether you're looking for a new job or focused on securing a stellar upgrade to your current role, there's always a dance to manoeuvre — a fine line between being assertive versus over the top. Here are several pointers to help you stand your ground and tactfully move things forward.

When you're interviewing for a job and haven't heard back

You've interviewed, met several people and — bam! Radio silence. Assuming you've already sent thank you notes, email your recruiter and hiring manager one week later. Reiterate how nice it was meeting them



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and reinforce your interest. It's tricky, because you're straddling persistence and stalker vibes. Daily emails are not recommended. Once a week or every two weeks is fine. Don't

appear desperate.

Keep it succinct and, when you hit "Send," say to yourself, "They need me more than I need them." Retain your power.

When they owe you money

Let's say you're a freelance graphic designer. You created a sparkling new website for a client and anticipate getting paid in a reasonable time

frame. If your invoice indicates payment in 30 days and that time has elapsed, it's time to follow up. Keep in mind they're on your side and probably want to continue working with you. There may be a delay in accounting that's out of their hands. Send an email and follow up with a phone call; be persistent every two to three weeks along the lines of, "I know you're busy and I don't want to be a pest, but it's been two months since I completed the site. Is there someone else I should contact to expedite payment?"

When you're applying for a job and haven't heard back

If you've applied for a job online, your resumé is now among hundreds of others in the system, so don't expect to hear back. However, if you have an internal connection and haven't heard back, send an email: "Just wanted to stay top-of-mind. Would you be so kind as to check my candidacy status?" And ask them to connect you to the

Drop them a line

When it's been a long time since you corresponded

- If you've made a fantastic connection on LinkedIn and haven't kept that relationship alive, it's never too late to rekindle it.
- Reach out through the site and ask if they're available to catch up over a phone call or a cup of coffee. Or ping them via email or Twitter with a relevant article (it doesn't have to be work-related.) It could be a vacation spot they mentioned, with a note: "Thinking of you — enjoy! Hope to catch up soon."

recruiter. It's not a bad idea to call, so they put a voice to your name.

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Developers are doing it their way

This is not a game.

For indie video game creators, standing out from the crowd is a difficult mission

They do it inside their hotel rooms. Or in front of everyone across a cavernous convention hall. They even try it out on street corners. In almost every spot imaginable at last week's Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, there were indie game makers touting their latest creations in the hope of becoming the next Minecraft or Gone Home.

The biggest challenge facing the growing number of independent video game creators — those risk-taking tinkerers who self-publish their own quirky titles — isn't making, distributing or even funding their creative visions. It's persuading people to buy their games.

"There's just something about human interaction,"



Game developer Aaron Taecker-Wyss, left, watches his developing partner Gabriel Cuzzillo, centre, play the game Tetropolis at the Game Developers Conference 2014 in San Francisco. Networking has become a critical part of promotion for today's indie video game creators. JEFF CHIU / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

said Chris McQuinn, a designer at Toronto-based indie developer DrinkBox Studios.

"The ultimate goal is to meet someone who might champion your game — a fan who will go off and tell their

friends about it. There's no more powerful message about a game than when it comes from a fan."

McQuinn attributed much of the success of DrinkBox's zany Mexican-themed plat-

former Guacamelee! to the gamers the studio befriended at various gatherings like the Game Developers Conference (GDC) and the fan-focused Penny Arcade Expo. It's one of several grassroots tactics that indie game makers are employing to stir up hype.

The majority of developers at GDC, the largest annual gathering of the gaming industry in the U.S. outside of the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, are now classifying themselves as indie.

In a poll conducted by GDC organizers of 2,600 attendees at last year's show, 64 per cent said they were self-publishing their current projects.

Advancements like crowdfunding, easier-to-use development tools and digital distribution services have made way for a swarm of indie creators crafting content mostly for PCs and mobile devices. However, there are only so many flowers to pollinate. For every hit like Journey, there are dozens of games that don't get any buzz.

Clicking with future customers

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Designer at Toronto-based indie developer DrinkBox Studios

Despite the rise of self-publishing, most indies lack the marketing budgets and promotional prowess that big-time publishers like Electronic Arts Inc. and Activision Blizzard Inc. use to hype such expensive-to-produce titles as Titanfall and Call of Duty. Instead, indies typically rely on word-of-mouth to persuade gamers to click download.

Over the past five years, it's worked in many cases — and the industry at large has taken notice.

"Making sure that a game can get discovered is the new challenge in game development," said Chris Charla, director at ID@Xbox, a program that Microsoft recently launched to attract develop-

ers to independently publish games for its Xbox One console. "We've already solved a lot of problems in terms of creating games and distributing games."

Ultimately, an indie's success comes down to the same query vexing all forms of entertainment: Is it any good?

"It's tough," said Jun Iwasaki, president of Puzzle & Dragons publisher GungHo Online Entertainment America Inc., who was meeting with prospective developers at the nearby Game Connection conference. "The most important thing is the first 10 minutes of a game. If I want to keep playing, those are the games I want to work on."

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Frying up bacon and enjoying it on its own is wonderful. Adding it to soups, salads and sandwiches is also a great way to enjoy its flavour.

I decided to make my son's favourite meal (meatloaf) and one of his favourite meats (bacon), and put them together. When I excitedly told him that I combined his two favourites and that it would be amazing, he just looked at me and asked, "Why didn't you just make regular meatloaf?"

He was pleasantly surprised to taste the dish, with

Cooking tips

- Make this meatloaf one night and then serve it up the next night crumbled or chopped with pasta sauce and toss it with cooked pasta for a tasty meatloaf pasta night!

the bacon flavour adding smokiness and a delicious crisp texture to the meatloaf.

Truly, this was to be a perfect match!

A side of creamy mashed potatoes to go alongside each slice of this free-form meatloaf made for a lip-smacking dinner.

This recipe really should serve eight. It served five of us with a few slices for leftovers. Tucked into a soft kaiser bun and warmed through with a sprinkling of cheese, those leftovers made lunch delectable the next day.

1. In a nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook leek, garlic, thyme and pepper, stirring for about eight minutes or until softened. Scrape into large bowl; let cool slightly.

2. Stir in eggs until combined. Add bread crumbs, cheese, milk, ketchup and Worcestershire; stir until well combined. Add veal and pork and using hands mix well until thoroughly combined.

3. On a parchment paper lined baking sheet shape mixture into a 9 x 5 inch (23 x 13 cm) loaf. Lay bacon slices on a diagonal across the meatloaf, trimming strips as necessary to cover the top and sides completely.

4. Bake in 375 F (190 C) oven for about 1 hour and 10 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted in centre reaches 160 F (70 C).

5. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing into about 1-inch (2.5 cm) slices.



PREP TIME
15 MINUTES

This recipe makes eight servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 leek, white and light green part only, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) fresh ground black pepper
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup (250 ml) seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) milk
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) ketchup
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- 1 lb (500 g) each ground veal and ground pork
- 10 slices side bacon



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

I do so like green potatoes

These crispy roasted potatoes are crunchy on the outside and soft and silky inside.

The sauce is a simple uncooked sauce made from fresh green herbs, spices, garlic, shallots, lemon juice and olive oil. The hot roasted potatoes absorb all the flavours of the fresh herbs and the touch of lemon juice balances the starch, making for a light and refreshing potato side dish similar to a hot potato salad. And, they look great on the plate!

1. Heat the oven to 350 F.

Ingredients

- 24 small red potatoes, halved
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- For the sauce**
- 4 cups lightly packed chopped curly parsley (1 to 2 bunches)
- 2 cups fresh basil
- 3 to 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 2 minced shallot or onion
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice

2. Place potatoes in a large bowl. Drizzle with olive oil and toss to coat. Sprinkle with salt and toss again to coat evenly.

3. Set wire rack over a rimmed

baking sheet and place the potatoes on the rack. Cook 50 minutes, or until the potato skins are lightly puffed and insides are tender. You do not need to turn the pota-

toes during cooking.

4. Meanwhile, prepare sauce. In a blender or food processor, combine all ingredients and pulse until chopped well, but not liquefied.

5. As soon as potatoes are done, transfer to large serving bowl. Drizzle sauce, about 1/4 cup at a time, over potatoes and toss well to coat. You may have sauce left over. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMELEL AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.**

Kreviazuk set to play swan song as Homan's second

Curling. Longtime member of Ottawa rink will move to Sweden following the Players' Championship

Rachel Homan's champion curling rink will have a different look next season.

Longtime second Alison Kreviazuk is leaving the Homan team next month after deciding to move to Sweden to be with her boyfriend. Joanne Courtney of Val Sweeting's rink will join Homan, lead Lisa Weagle and third Emma Miskew next season.

Kreviazuk will close out her 13-year run with Homan at the April 15-20 season-ending Grand Slam Players' Championship in Summerside, P.E.I.

"It's been something that I've been considering for a while," Kreviazuk said Tuesday in an interview from Ottawa. "But I gave my team the heads-up a couple months ago and just gave them the idea that this was something I was thinking of, so they may want to consider their options."

"They've made an extremely great choice with Joanne. I think she's going to be a per-

Sweet on seconds

Alison Kreviazuk's boyfriend, Fredrik Lindberg, plays second for Swedish skip Niklas Edin.

- Sweden won Olympic bronze at the Sochi Games last month and took the world title last year in Victoria.

fect fit for the team."

The announcement was made two days after the Homan rink won silver at the world championship in Saint John, N.B. The Canadian side dropped a 9-5 decision to Switzerland's Binia Feltscher in the gold-medal game at Harbour Station.

"It definitely didn't affect our performance," Homan said. "If anything, we wanted it that much more."

The Ottawa-based team won the Scotties Tournament of Hearts for the first time last year and went on to win bronze at the 2013 world championship in Riga, Latvia. Kreviazuk has spent the last decade curling with Homan and Miskew while Weagle joined the team four years ago.

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Second Alison Kreviazuk will leave Rachel Homan's rink following the Grand Slam Players' Championship from April 15-20. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Rocked by the news



"Obviously we're sad that she's leaving but I'm really happy that she's made a decision that makes her happy."

Rachel Homan



"It will be different but we're excited about what the next four years have in store for Team Homan."

Lisa Weagle



"Surprised and unfortunate to see her go but we wish Joanne the best of luck with @TeamHoman #curling"

Val Sweeting in a tweet



Montreal's Kenny Chery is one of two Canadians on the Baylor Bears. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Baylor beast built under the radar

Cory Jefferson figures not too many people really know just how good Baylor has been in post-season play.

Not even the senior forward had put into perspective what the Bears have done until asked this week about their 17-3 post-season record over the past six seasons, which now includes a third NCAA Sweet 16 appearance.

"I'd say it's a very low percentage, considering I didn't even know about the 17-3

until just now," Jefferson said. "It's not really something that I kept up with, but that sounds like a pretty good record to me."

That is an .850 post-season winning percentage, better than any other Division I team with multiple NCAA appearances in that six-season span. Before those three NCAA tournaments in five years, the Bears made it to an NIT championship game at Madison Square Garden in 2009 — then won

Quoted

"The Sweet 16 wasn't our goal, so we're still playing for our goal."

Baylor guard Brady Heslip, a native of Oakville, Ont.

that title last season.

"I think it says that we can compete at a high level, and against the best, and we're one of the best," said Scott

Drew, Baylor's winningest coach with 204 wins in his 11 seasons.

Baylor (26-11), the No. 6 seed in the West Regional, plays No. 2 seed Wisconsin (28-7) on Thursday in Anaheim, Calif.

The Bears also made it to NCAA regional semifinal games in 2010 and 2012, winning both before losing in the regional final each time to the eventual national champ.

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McGill lineman itching for big day

Football. Duvernay-Tardif anxious to complete his pro day workout

Laurent Duvernay-Tardif can't wait to strut his stuff Thursday.

The McGill Redmen offensive lineman will hold a private workout in Montreal for NFL and CFL scouts. And after spending much of the last four months preparing for the audition, the six-foot-five, 315-pound tackle is ready for it to finally happen.

"I don't know if I should say this, but I just want to do it and be done with it," he said with a chuckle Tuesday via telephone.

"I've been training since December for this ... for me, it's been so long.

"I felt a little stressed last weekend but I went on the field (Monday) where I'm going to hold my pro day and ran some very good times in my shuttle and three-cone so I think I'm ready."

The 23-year-old med student is taking a rather philosophical approach to dealing with the stress ahead.

"Nerves and pressure can help so much with your adrenalin," he said. "You just have to control that."

Duvernay-Tardif was able to control being well-rested and fresh for his workout. To ensure that, he took half of last week and all of this one off from



McGill's Laurent Duvernay-Tardif was the 2013 Metras trophy winner as Canadian university football's top lineman. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

his duties working the night shift at a Montreal hospital, expecting to return either Sunday or Monday.

The native of St. Hilaire, Que., finished the season as the top-ranked prospect for this year's CFL draft, slated for May 13. But Duvernay-Tardif has also drawn plenty NFL interest.

Not bad, considering Duvernay-Tardif began his college career as a 253-pound defensive lineman and only switched to offence in 2011. McGill also accommodated his heavy academic workload by reducing his practice commitments during football season.

But that didn't stop Duvernay-Tardif from twice earning All-Canadian honours and capturing the 2013 Metras trophy as Canadian university football's top lineman. He was invited to participate in last weekend's CFL combine in To-

ronto but opted instead to focus on his pro day.

It's unclear how many scouts will attend Duvernay-Tardif's workout. Both the Arizona Cardinals and Buffalo Bills have said publicly they'll be there, but some CFL teams are expected to take a miss because Duvernay-Tardif is likely to be go in the NFL draft and start his pro career there.

Regardless, Duvernay-Tardif's people are erring on the side of caution.

"We agreed to prepare food for 50 people, I don't know what that means," Duvernay-Tardif said. "I've been told if we had 15 (NFL scouts) we'd be super happy and if we had 20, that would be incredible."

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Oh Man, City run that town

Edin Dzeko of Manchester City, centre, scores his second goal against Manchester United during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium. Dzeko scored his first of the match inside 43 seconds and Yaya Toure added a third goal in the 90th minute to seal United's second humiliating 3-0 loss to a fierce rival at Old Trafford in 10 days, following its humbling by Liverpool. The champions are guaranteed to finish with their lowest points haul in the Premier League era and jeopardized their hopes of even qualifying for next season's Europa League.

City, which has two games in hand over Chelsea, has removed supposedly one of its toughest fixtures in a run-in that also includes matches at title rivals Arsenal and Liverpool. In truth, though, it will go down as one of its most routine wins of the campaign, with United outclassed from the first whistle.

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Soccer

Bayern bulldozes its way to early-bird Bundesliga title

Bayern Munich defeated Hertha Berlin 3-1 to become the earliest Bundesliga champion in 51 years of the on Tuesday, when the defending champion claimed its 24th German title.

Toni Kroos scored in the sixth minute and Mario Goetze added a rare header in the 14th.

Adrian Ramos pulled one back from the penalty spot in the 66th, but Bayern substitute Franck Ribery settled the issue in the 79th.

The result ensures Pep Guardiola's side wraps up the title with seven games to spare in the Spaniard's first season as coach, beating the mark set in last year's record-breaking campaign by one game.

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MLB. Pirates plunder as Jays pitchers walk plank

Pitcher Wandy Rodriguez contributed a two-run homer and RBI single as the Pittsburgh Pirates got 29 hits Tuesday and routed the Toronto Blue Jays 22-5.

Starling Marte and Jose Tabata each homered and drove in four runs. Marte got five hits and Tabata had four. The Pirates finished with nine extra-base hits.

In his first at-bat of the spring, Rodriguez hit a full-count fastball from J.A. Happ into the Pirates' bullpen in

right field. Rodriguez added his single in an eight-run fourth inning.

Rodriguez made his final start of spring training, working 4 2/3 innings and allowing three runs on six hits and four walks.

Matt Tuiasosopo hit a solo home run for Toronto.

Happ did not help his bid to claim a job in Toronto's rotation. He faced 20 batters in three-plus innings and allowed seven runs and 12 hits.

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MLB. Stingy Santana leads Braves past Tigers

Ervin Santana allowed two runs in three innings as the Atlanta Braves topped the Detroit Tigers 12-3 Tuesday.

Santana gave up four hits and struck out one in his second start since being signed by the Braves to a one-year, \$11-million deal on March 12.

Jason Heyward and Gerald Laird both homered for the Braves. Dan Uggla had two hits and two RBIs. Tigers starter Rick Porcello gave up six runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Miguel Cabrera raised his

spring batting average to .378 with two hits.

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Ervin Santana of the Atlanta Braves
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Golf. Weir not wearied by seven-year title drought

It has been almost seven years since Canadian Mike Weir last won on the PGA Tour.

He has battled injuries over the last few seasons and is trying to regain the form that saw him excel a decade ago. Weir has made the cut at only three events this year but feels his game is close to returning to form.

It's his short game that has cost him of late. Weir has been working hard to correct things as he prepares for the two tournaments ahead of the Masters

Timing is everything

"You've got to put it all together at the right time — I'm just not doing that." Canadian golfer Mike Weir reacting to his struggles on the PGA Tour

next month. Weir, 43, pulled out of an event in late January due to a neck injury. He has been training hard in recent weeks and feels strong and ready. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Despite a 45-kilogram drop in weight and improved aerodynamics, the Tahoe rates 14.9 l/100 km in the city and 10.1 on the highway, compared to a slightly better 14.3/9.4 rating for the 2014 model's 5.3 V8.

Design

The shape is sleeker, there's less weight and more available safety content on tap. However the powertrain is a bit harder on gas. The trimmer sheet metal and stylish grille create the impression that the Tahoe is a bit smaller than before, but the tape measure proves that not much has really changed.

Review. It might be an SUV but it makes no apologies about being hardy and capable

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Honestly, when was the last time you heard the term "sport utility vehicle" bandied about? It likely has been a while, since not many are being made anymore. Still, there are a few hanging on, including the full-size Tahoe and its super-size Suburban relation.

Hanging on? Actually, these rigs, with their ball-team seating capacities, are thriving where others have faded from sight or have been converted to gentler, more fuel-frugal car-based wagons. North American Tahoe/Suburban sales climbed more than 15 per cent for the 2013 model year and, according to General Motors, represented nearly half of all full-size sport utility vehicles sold. Add in healthy sales of the similar GMC Yukon and there's little

left for the few remaining competitors. The 2015 Tahoe, arriving this spring, has undergone a complete transformation. What is clear is the separation between the Tahoe and the considerably bolder looking 2015 Yukon counterpart.

It's a different story on the inside where max stowage volume has actually decreased slightly, possibly because the third-row seats now fold flat for added capacity and are no longer removable. Other changes include a more fashionable dashboard and control panel, complete with a five- or available eight-inch touchscreens that control the infotainment and communications systems. A smaller secondary screen is located between the watch-style dash gauges that displays key info where the driver can easily view it.

The filing-cabinet-sized centre console can swallow a laptop computer and other bulky items. There are also storage areas beneath the door armrests plus a secure spot behind the touchscreen for holding cell phones and other small valuables. The Tahoe's body is

attached to a stronger ladder frame that widens the distance between the wheels slightly for greater stability.

Mounted between the rails is a 5.3-litre V8 that produces 355 horsepower and healthy 383 pound-feet of torque. Although displacement is the same as the previous base V8, the new 5.3 is all-aluminum and employs direct-injection (fuel force-fed into the cylinders under high pressure) and continuously variable valve timing (alters valve lift/duration to improve performance and economy).

The engine can also run on four cylinders under steady-state cruising, which also saves gas. The transmission is a six-speed automatic with steering-wheel "TapShift" controls and a Tow/Haul mode that holds the gear changes longer when trailering heavy loads (up to 3,640 kilograms). There's also auto Grade Braking, which downshifts the transmission to help slow the Tahoe when descending a hill. This helps maintain vehicle control while ensuring the brakes don't overheat.

As per the 2014 version, the

2015 Tahoe is offered in LS, LT and LTZ flavours. Base models come with plenty of standard gear, with the mid- and top-grade trims piling on content such as keyless push-button entry, power-folding rear seat and start, magnetic ride control that constantly adjusts the dampers for a smoother ride.

Eighteen-inch wheels are standard with 20- and 22-inchers available at extra cost. On the safety front, along with the latest in crash-avoiding technologies, there's an available front-seat centre air bag.

It deploys (from the right side of the driver's seat) to prevent passengers from colliding with each other during a side impact. This key piece of technology addresses a weakness in current shoulder belt design that allows passengers to move sideways. Look for broader use of this in more vehicles. With a \$50,800 starting price (\$3,300 extra for four-wheel-drive), including destination charges, the new Tahoe continues a tradition of capability and power. Even in this day and age, it makes no apologies for that, nor should it.

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Great Scotti! That's one hell of a car collection

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Dealership owner and avid collector John must sell portion of his giant number of vehicles as he is moving house



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In true collector spirit, John Scotti kept acquiring muscle cars and late model exotics, and didn't worry too much about the accumulation.

But now he's forced to — The Montreal-based collector, who also operates several new-car dealerships, has to relocate his Lamborghini and Lotus operations, which also houses a good chunk of his collection, and the new digs just can't take all the 'Vettes, Mustangs, Cudas, and Torinos.

So he's sending 400 to 450 of them to auction.

The "John Scotti Collection" will headline Auctions



The star of the show could be the Chrysler Airflow, which should fetch \$150-200k.

America's spring sale in Auburn, Ind., on May 8-10, and stands to be the largest single Canadian car collection ever sold at auction.

Some might suggest the word "collection" could be replaced with "inventory," as most of the vehicles appeared to be for sale by John Scotti Classic Cars. But Howard Cohen, who manages John Scotti Classic Cars, told us there

were cars in the warehouse no one ever saw. "Some have been sitting in there for 12 years." Cohen also adds that his boss is a lifelong car enthusiast who acquired the vehicles over a period a time, and that the collection very much reflects his personal tastes.

Scotti must be drawn to low-mileage original muscle cars, because there are an impressive number of those in the



A large portion of John Scotti's insanely large car collection. IMAGES: AUCTIONS AMERICA

collection. Two such examples include the 1967 Corvette Convertible with 5,500 miles, and the 1987 Buick GNX showing just 90 original miles.

The car expected to fetch the highest value under the hammer is the show-ready 1934 Chrysler Airflow, with a sales estimate of \$150,000 to \$200,000.

All the collection cars will be sold with "no reserve" (some-

times sellers stipulate a reserve or minimum selling amount that must be met before the vehicle can change hands).

While "no reserve" seems to introduce an element of risk, Gord Duff of Auctions America says history has shown that "no reserve" always creates more interest and attendance and buzz, and that always translates to better overall sales results.

He also noted that the John

Scotti cars are on a one-way ticket to Indiana. "Both parties (Auctions America and John Scotti) have put in lots of work to get these cars here. They're not going back to Montreal."

From Scotti's end, the work entails starting hundreds of veteran cars that haven't stirred for a while, and that means lots battery replacements and carb cleaning, and the occasional un-sticking of seized brakes. About 200 cars are already in Indiana. Another 200-plus to go. "Everything has to be out of here by April 30th, that's the cut-off," says Cohen.

While in an ideal world, Cohen would have preferred to sell the cars the usual "retail" way, he completely agrees with his boss's decision to make this mass sell-off. "We just had too many cars ... To be honest with you, my boss likes buying more than he does selling."

And he's at it again. "John just made another purchase — 946 cars from a 92-year old collector." For more information on the John Scotti auction check out auctionsamerica.com. You can also watch a lot of the auction live on the NBC Sports Network.



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With winter over, it's time to fear the potholes



After such a harsh winter, beware of huge potholes in secondary and rural roads. PHOTO: CARSTAR

That sinking feeling.

Having eroded over the cold season, many roads are cracked and riddled with potential tire bursters and car body busters

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Along with warmer weather and the first flowers, spring also brings potholes. Not only are they annoying when you're driving, but if they're large enough, they have the potential to do serious damage to your vehicle.

"It depends on how you hit it, and how fast you're going," says Teresa Kostick, owner of All Line CARSTAR Auto Body, near Chicago. "And even though you're hitting it with your front wheel first, you may have a problem with the rear wheel too, because it will go into the same pothole."

Potholes happen when water seeps through cracks in the asphalt to the ground below. When it freezes, it pushes the pavement up and also creates an indentation under it. When warmer weather arrives and the ice melts, cars driving over the asphalt break it apart, and a pothole is born.

The wheel initially takes

Take note

- **Eyes peeled.** Watch for puddles when the rest of the road is dry; there could be deep potholes under the water.

- **Check just in case.** Depending on circumstances, you may be able to make a claim to the municipality or your insurance company for pothole damage.

- **Warm weather mending.** Potholes can only be properly repaired when the weather is warm and dry.

Quoted

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vehicle pulls to one side, or the steering wheel is off-centre. All of these can be safety issues, and you should get the vehicle checked as soon as possible.

Even if nothing's broken, you may still need an alignment, which should be done promptly. If you keep driving it like that, it can cause uneven tire wear. The car could also steer or brake erratically if you need to make an emergency manoeuvre.

If you see a pothole, slow down before you get to it, not when you're about to hit it. Jamming on the brakes causes your vehicle to nosedive, which can potentially cause even more damage.

"Leave enough distance between you and the vehicle ahead so you can see potholes," Kostick says. "Lower your speed, and if you can't avoid the pothole, go over it as slowly as you can."

the blow, and a hard bump can bend a rim or even blow out a tire. Even if the tire stays in place, a bent rim can cause it to gradually lose air, eventually leaving you with a flat tire. Hitting the pothole can also dislodge the wheel weights, leaving the wheel unbalanced.

A hard hit can potentially damage steering or suspension components, affect your brakes, crack the air dam or front fascia, or in severe conditions, even damage a wheel well or fender.

Warning signs of damage can include clunking or grinding noises when you're steering or using the brakes, vibration when you're driving, the

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20
It may at times seem as if you are moving backwards but that means you need to adjust your way of thinking. What you have to understand is that every experience moves you forward, eventually.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21
Social activities will go well today, so make an effort to get out and meet new people. The more things you do with others, the more you will enjoy yourself and the more of an effect your actions will have.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21
You can be a bit too blunt and with Mercury, your ruler, linked to Jupiter, planet of excess, today you may say too much. So what? At least you have something worth saying.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23
You need to realize there is more going on than you were previously aware of. You need to accept that in spite of all the bad things that go on in the world, it's a wonderful place.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23
Either you will come into money today or you will come up with a plan that makes you money in the future. If it's the latter, be patient. True wealth is worth waiting for.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Joint plans are less likely to go wrong today if you keep any doubts you have to yourself. Yes, it's quite likely you can see a better way of doing things but, having agreed to take part in a venture, you must be positive about it.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Self-confidence is the key to success, so believe in what you are doing. Remember too that the world you experience is largely a reflection of what goes on inside your head.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You must carry on with a creative endeavor that you may have been thinking of giving up on. You don't seem to realize how close you are to a breakthrough.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today's Mercury-Jupiter aspect will help you find the words to connect with those you are closest to. You don't have to get emotional but you do have to remind them that your love is unconditional.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It's unlike you to be easygoing about people you don't much like and opinions you think are stupid but you seem to have reached a point where, frankly, you no longer care. Getting uptight is not worth the hassle.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Mercury in the money area of your chart suggests that Lady Luck will be smiling on you over the next few days. If you do find you have extra cash in your pocket, why not treat someone you love to an afternoon or evening out?

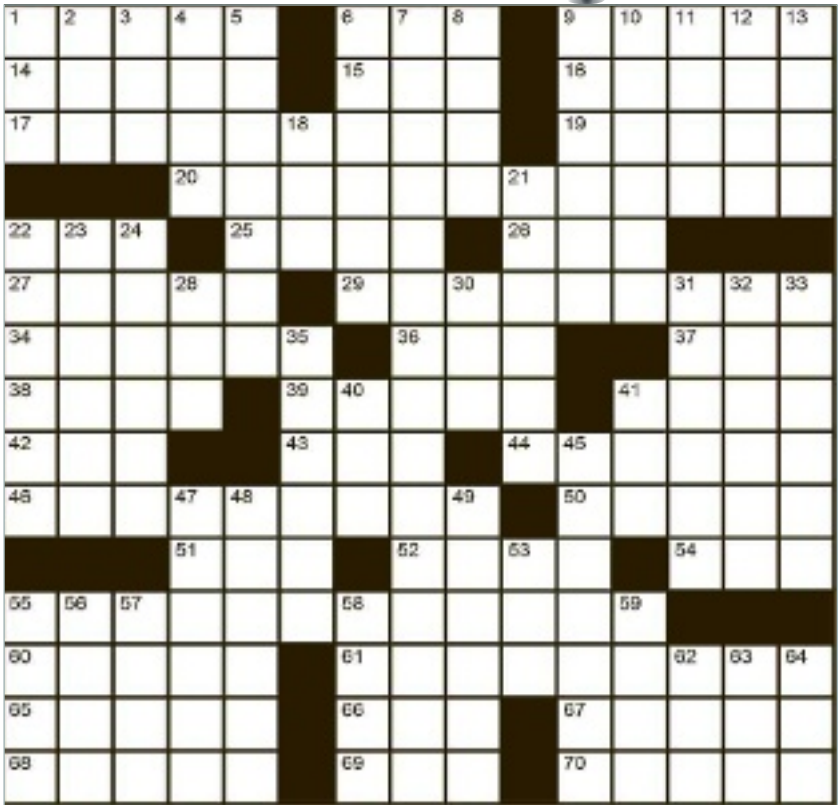
Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20
It's an ideal day to make promises. Mercury, planet of the mind, is on your side so decide what you desire and commit to making it yours. The universe will hear and respond favourably. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- 1. Nest noise
- 6. First aid team, e.g.
- 9. Quick times
- 14. ___ grudge
- 15. Maintain the lawn
- 16. "Garfield: ___ of Two Kitties" (2006)
- 17. Kim Mitchell hit: 3 wds.
- 19. Peppy gathering
- 20. Saskatchewan city just north of Saskatoon
- 22. Singer's prop
- 25. Jessica's surname
- 26. Scot's 'own'
- 27. Web memo, ___
- 29. Vintage comedy
- 34. New York's capital
- 36. Shiba ___ (Dog breed of Japan)
- 37. "___ Mir Bist Du Schon" by The Andrews Sisters
- 38. Randy Jackson's word
- 39. French painter Edouard
- 41. Musician Mr. Saunders
- 42. 'Capri' suffix
- 43. Smoker's prop
- 44. Has moved on: 2 wds.
- 46. Bing-using reason: 2 wds.
- 50. Still ___ (Maya Angelou poem)
- 51. Prefix to 'form'
- 52. "___ Flux" (2005)
- 54. Prefix to 'ate' (Ventilate)
- 55. Driver's must



have: 2 wds.

- 60. Just one French fry
- 61. Justin's super fans
- 65. Hot chocolate
- 66. Wide shoe width
- 67. "No!"
- 68. Sharp weapon
- 69. Learning basics, informally
- 70. ___-Canada

Highway

Down

- 1. Visa transaction, briefly
- 2. "Yoo-___!"
- 3. Gremlin
- 4. Ancient Dead Sea land
- 5. ___ Free (Beauty

product's label info, maybe)
6. Hams it up
7. Linda Evangelista's really took off in 1990: 2 wds.
8. Graceful bird
9. Canadian singer/producer Mr. Church
10. Turtles tune: "___

___ Me Babe"

- 11. Tumble
- 12. Stuff
- 13. Leonard ___, Roy Rogers' birth name (b.1911 - d.1998)
- 18. ___ Lanka
- 21. Largest dairy processor in Canada
- 22. ___ Lake (Sas-

katchewan city, the 'Gateway to Pure Air & Water')
23. Getting home tardily: 2 wds.
24. Arachnid's architecture
28. Wrestling: ___ team
30. 'Meth' suffix
31. Spanish airline
32. Cherry: French
33. Out of ___ (Unbalanced)
35. Q. "___", ___ a song by what group?" A. "Village People."
40. Broadcast
41. Mal de ___ (Seasickness)
45. Don McLean song about a Dutch painter
47. Courtship guy
48. Group of nine
49. Faith ___
53. 'Pepper' add-on (Deli item)
55. Ozone pollutants, for short
56. In ___ (Sequentially)
57. Puerto's partner
58. Slangy 'super'
59. Celebrity hairstylist Jose
62. Actress Ms. Green
63. Stimp's pal
64. Non-Jr.s

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